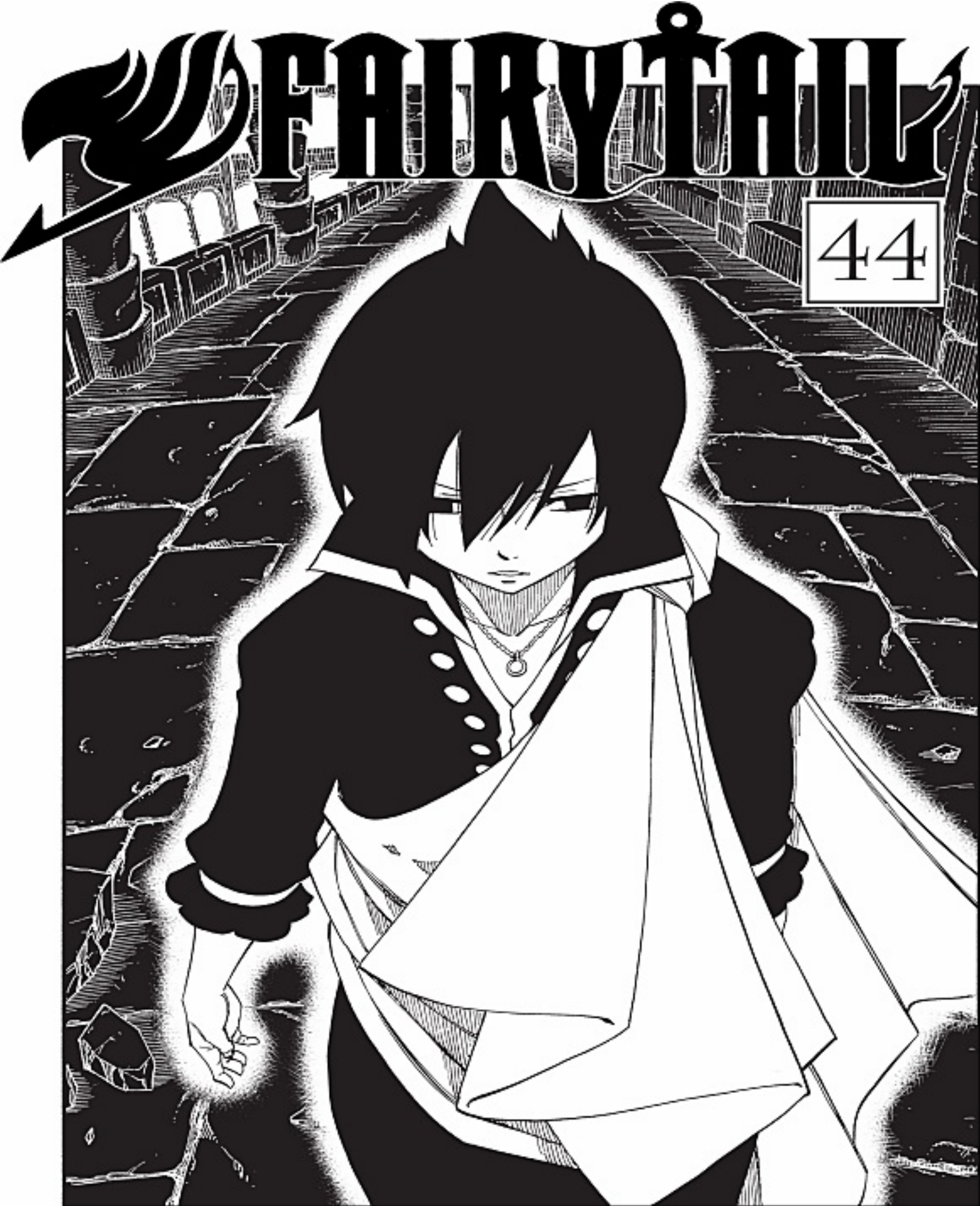


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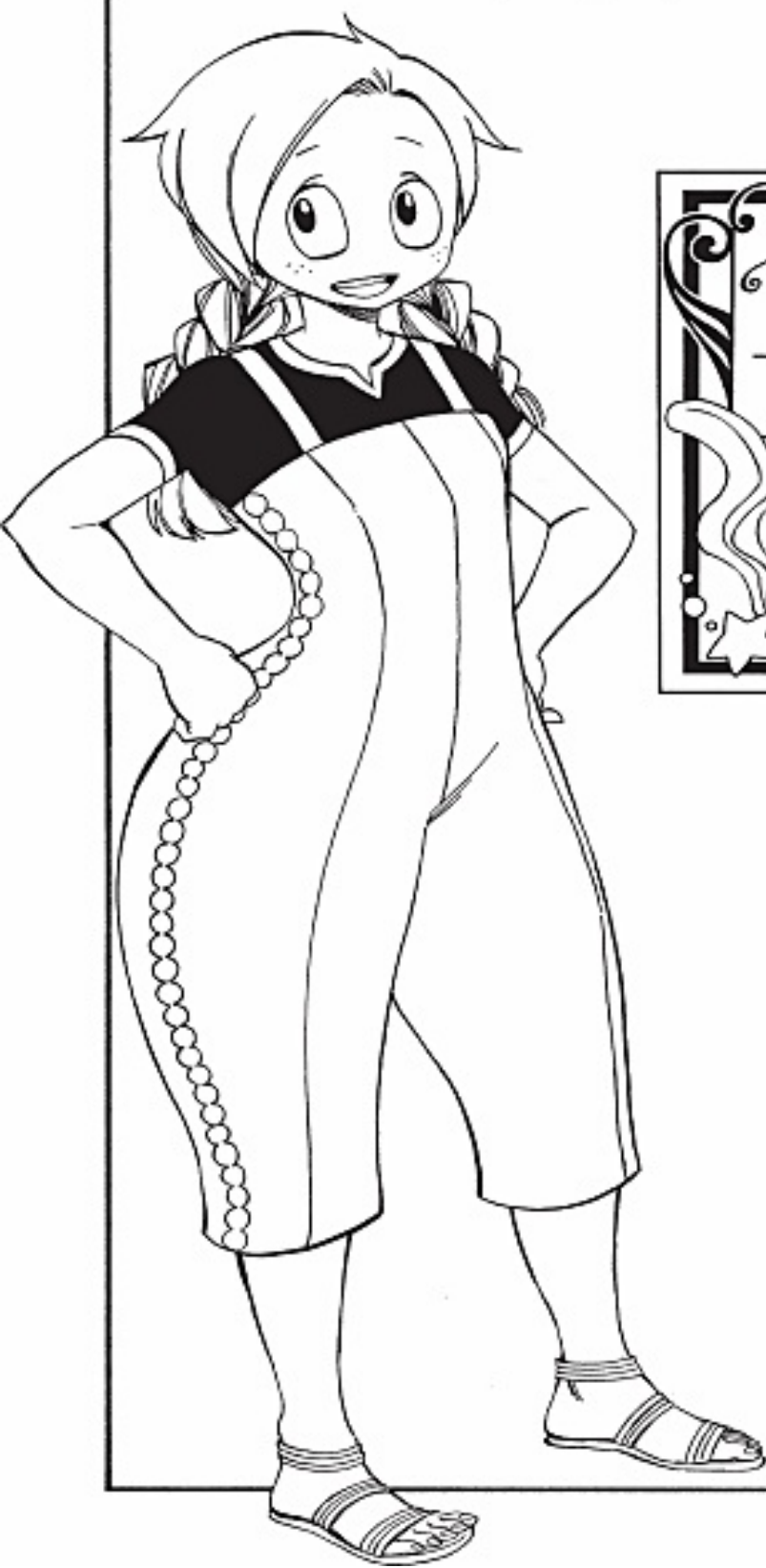
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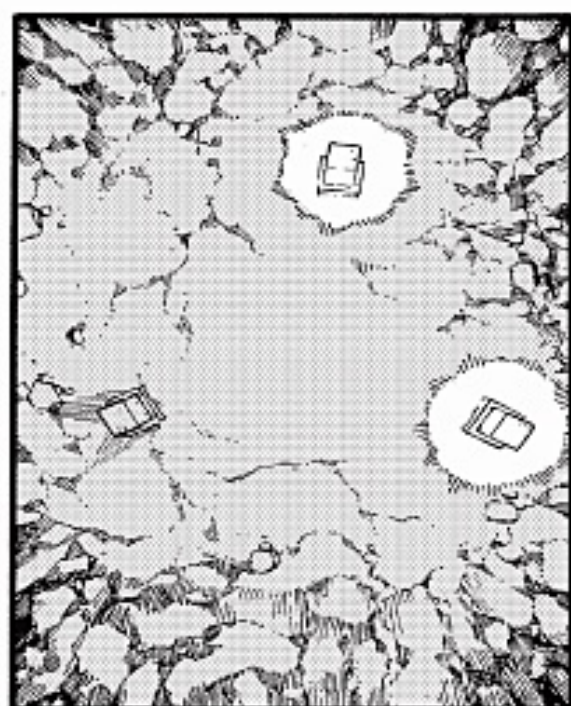
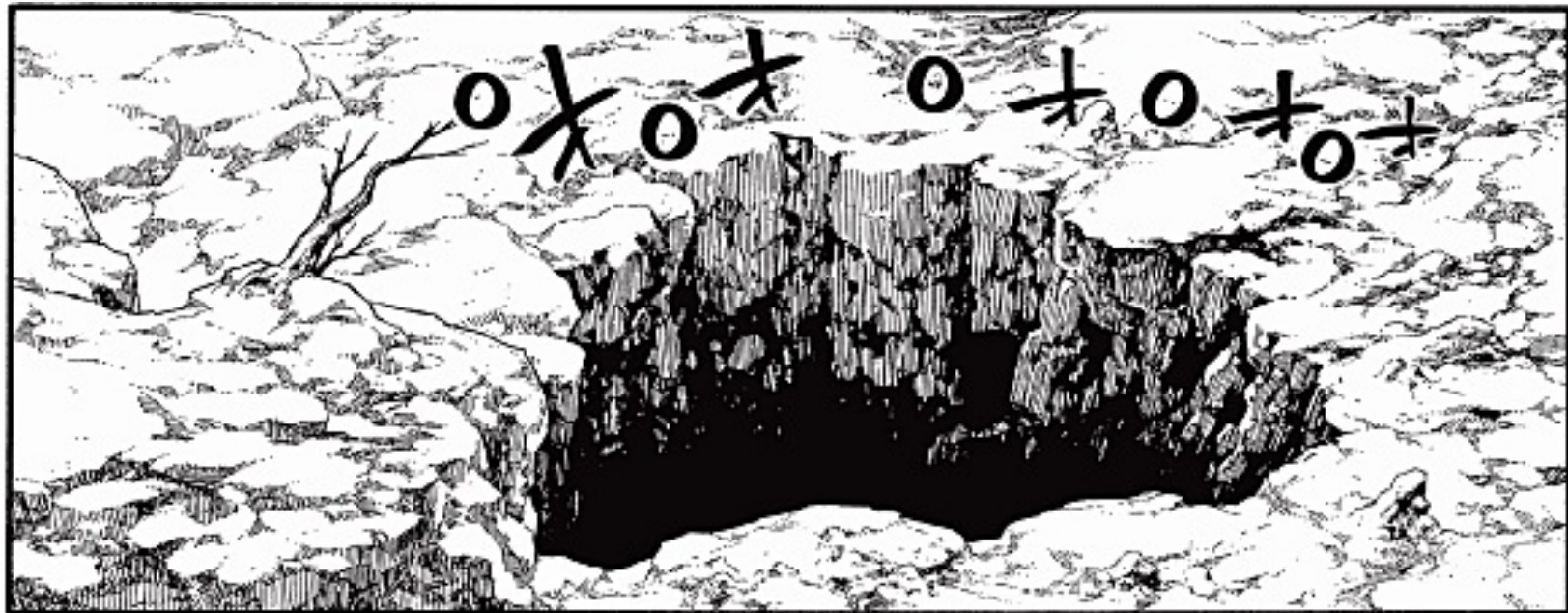
MERMAID HEEL	
Name: Beth Vanderwood	Age: 16
Magic: Vegetable Magic	
Likes: Vegetables	Dislikes: Garden pests

Remarks

An immigrant from the western continent. She also serves as the nutritionist for Mermaid Heel. Vegetable magic is magic that makes fruits and vegetables grow from the ground and attack one's opponent. These fruits and vegetables are edible, but they aren't nutritious, and they taste awful.

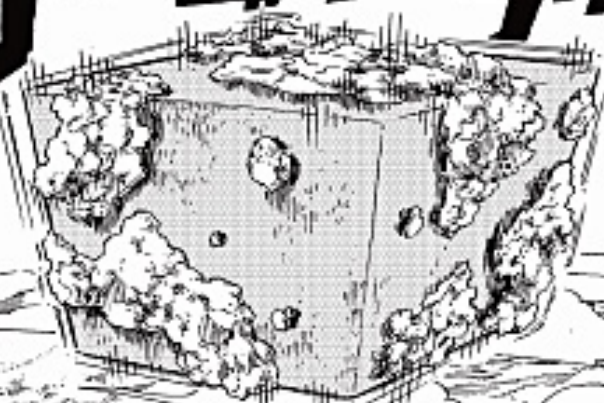
She thinks the key to growing good vegetables is to put one's heart into it, so she has established a farm as a side business as well.

She's noticed that Millianna treats Kagura like an older sister, but she doesn't know that Millianna is actually older than Kagura.





SHUDD
SHUDD
SHUDD



Natsu,
look!!

!!

KAWHAM

GWAAH!

Kyaa...

SLAM

KACHIK

CLATTR

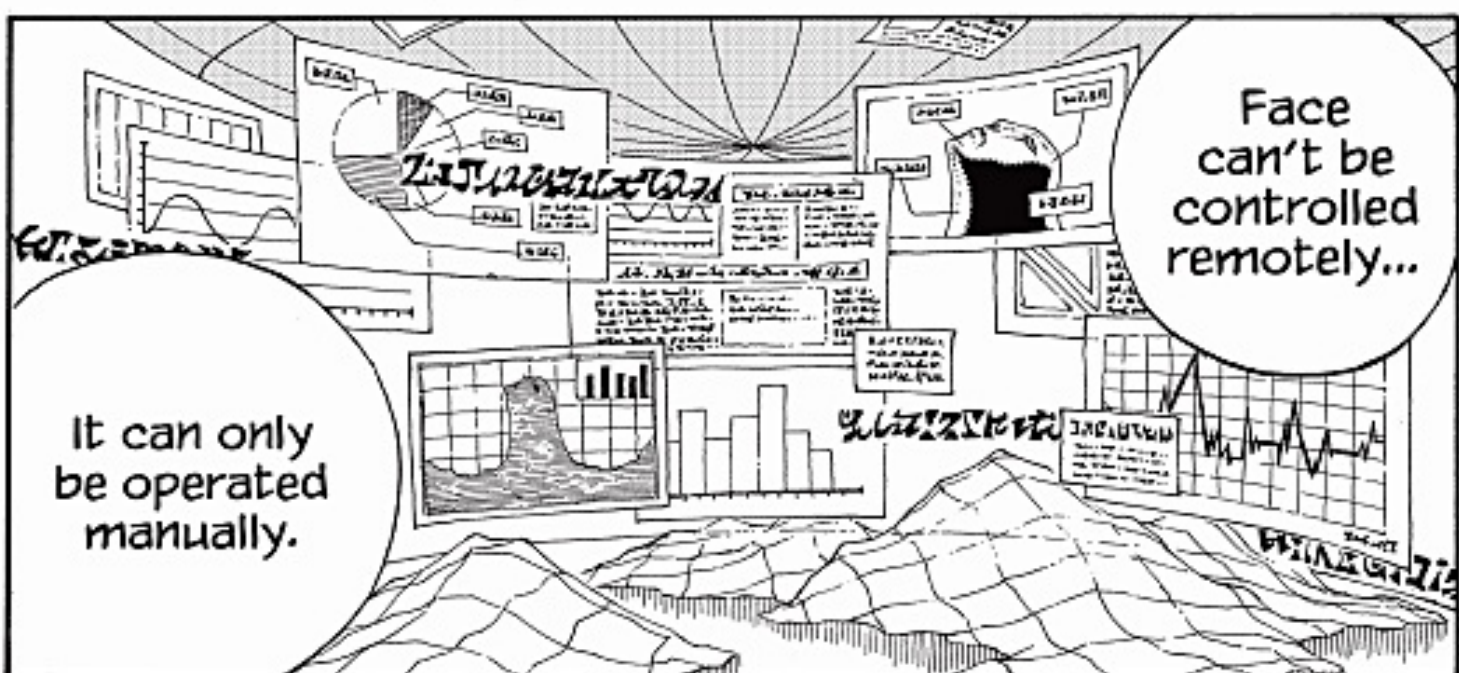
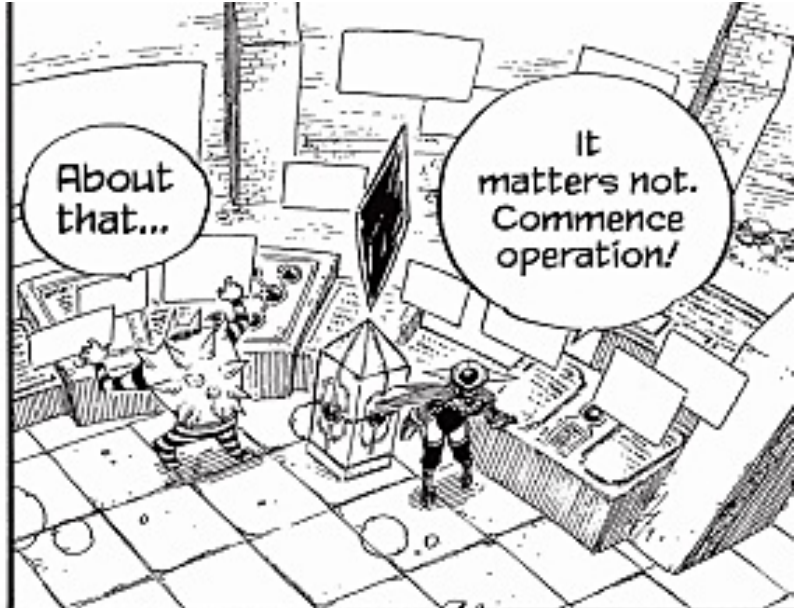
Not
at *me*!!
There!!

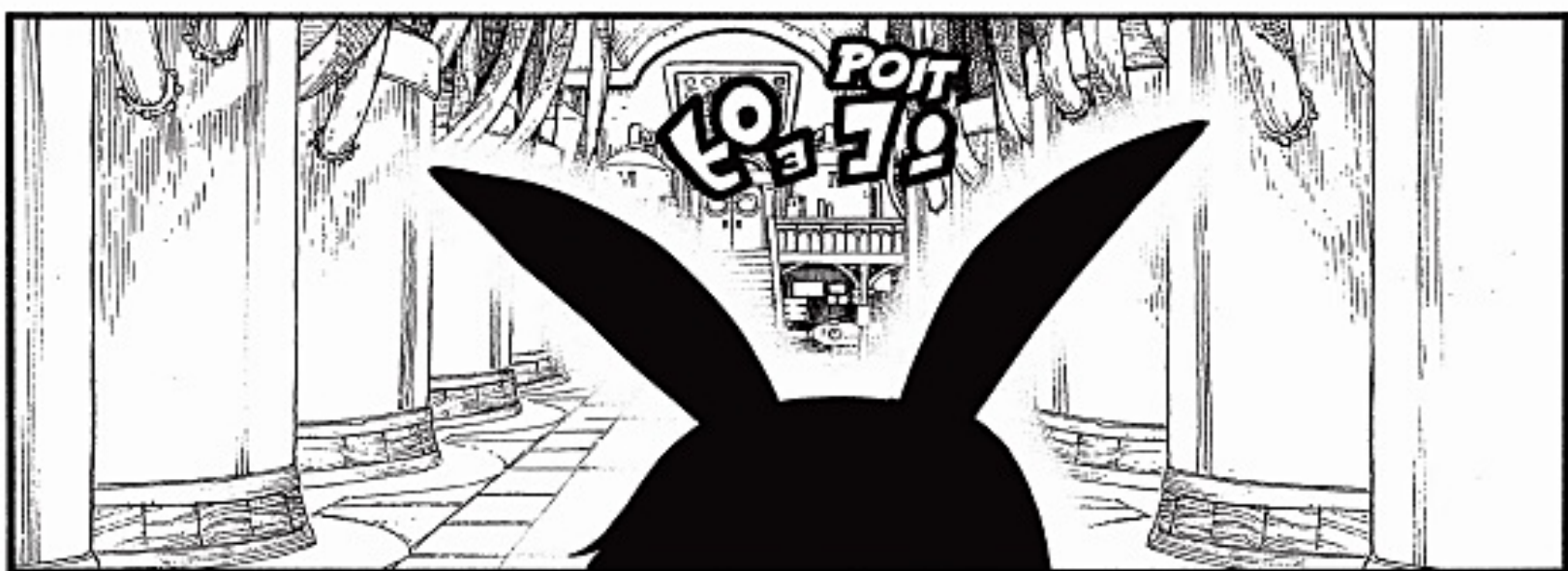
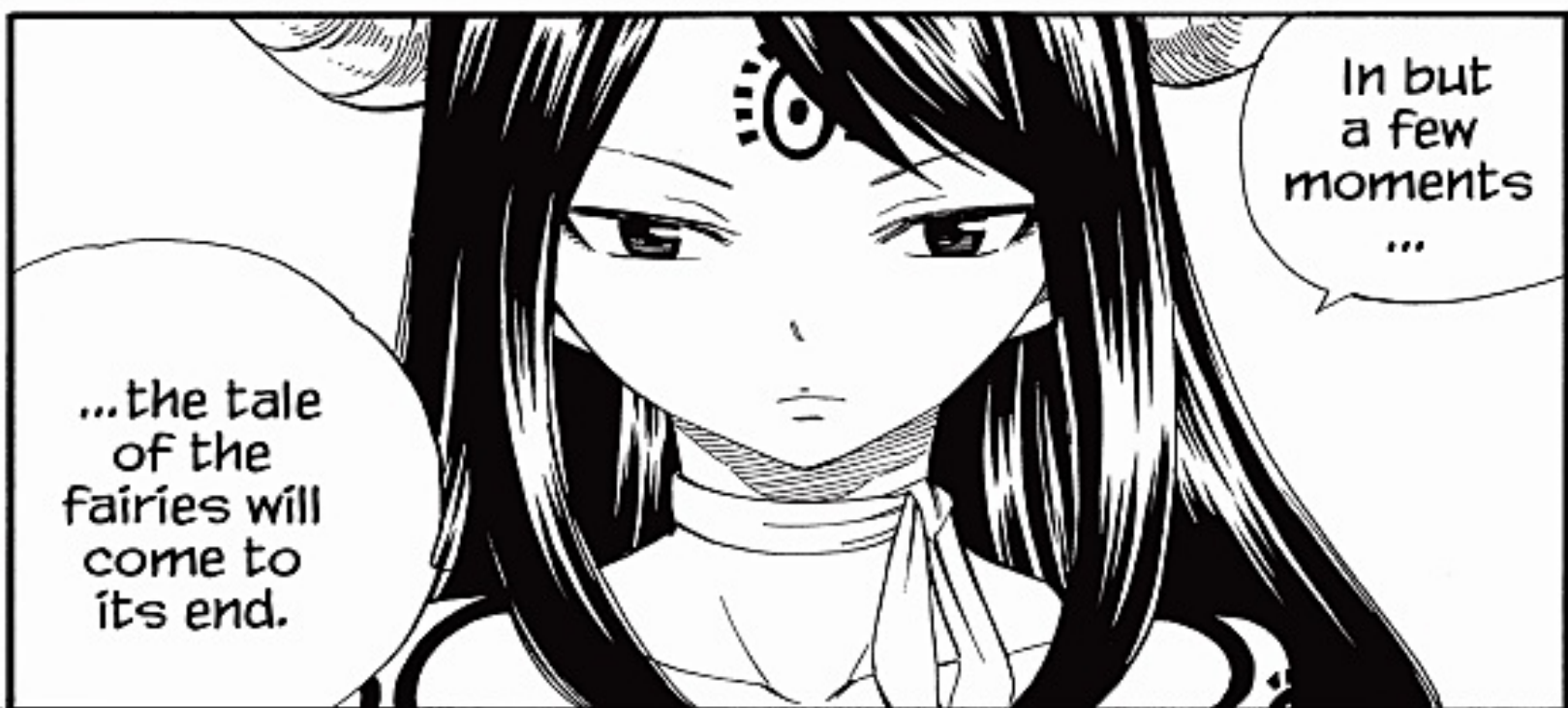
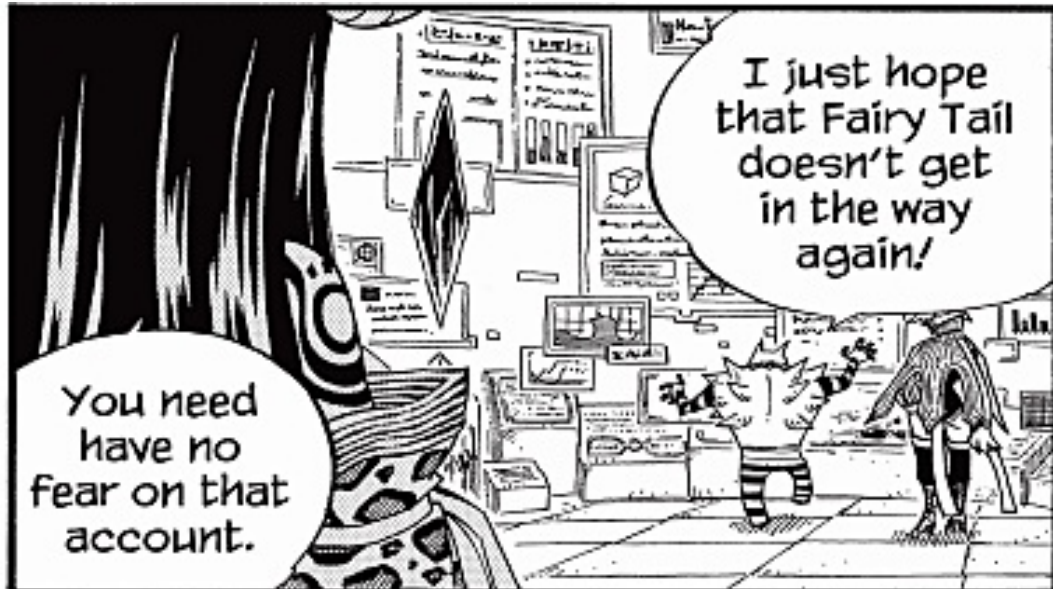
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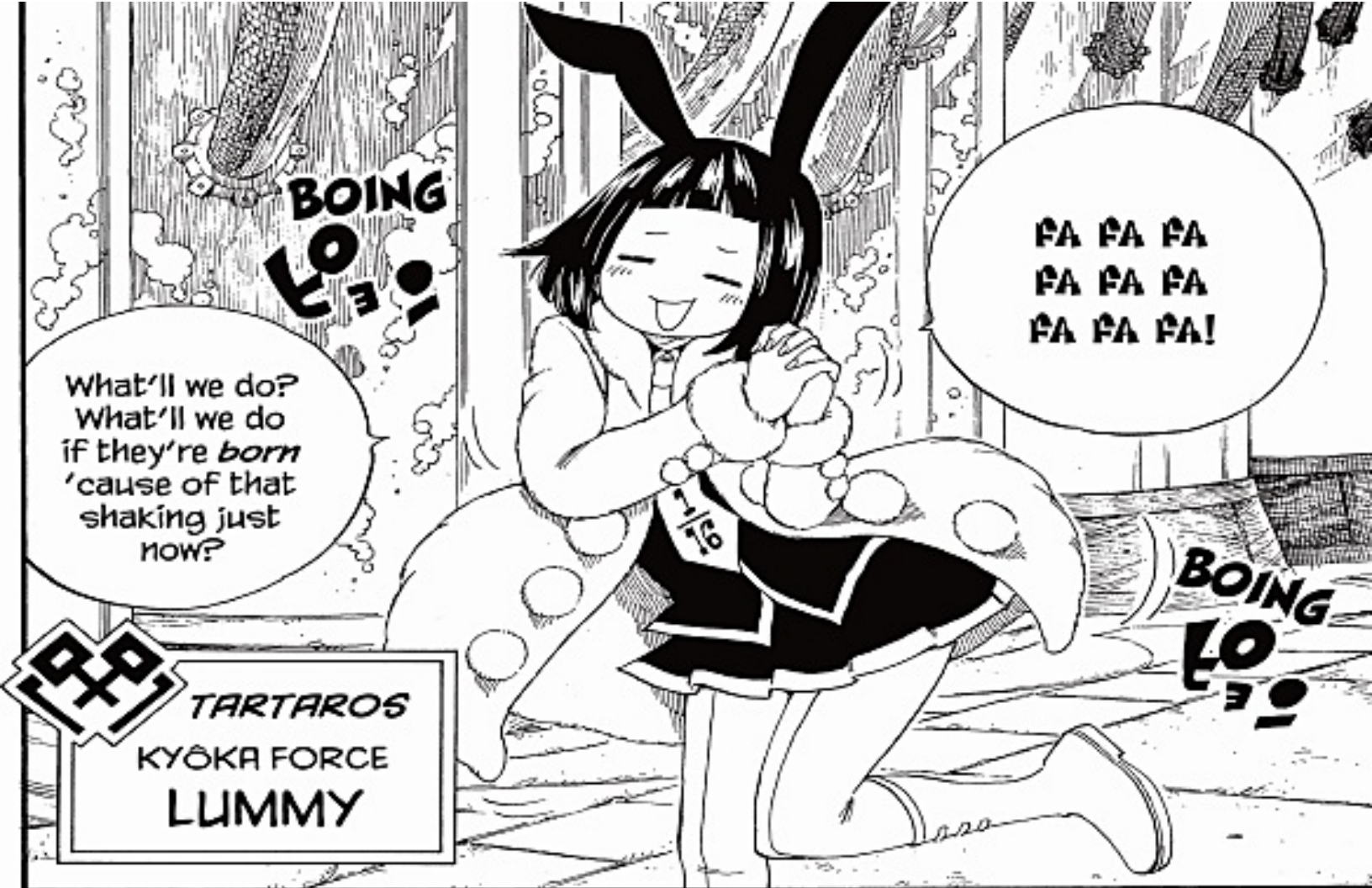
STAAARE

!









What'll we do?
What'll we do
if they're *born*
'cause of that
shaking just
now?

TARTAROS

KYŌKA FORCE

LUMMY

FA FA FA
FA FA FA
FA FA FA!



Never
!!!!



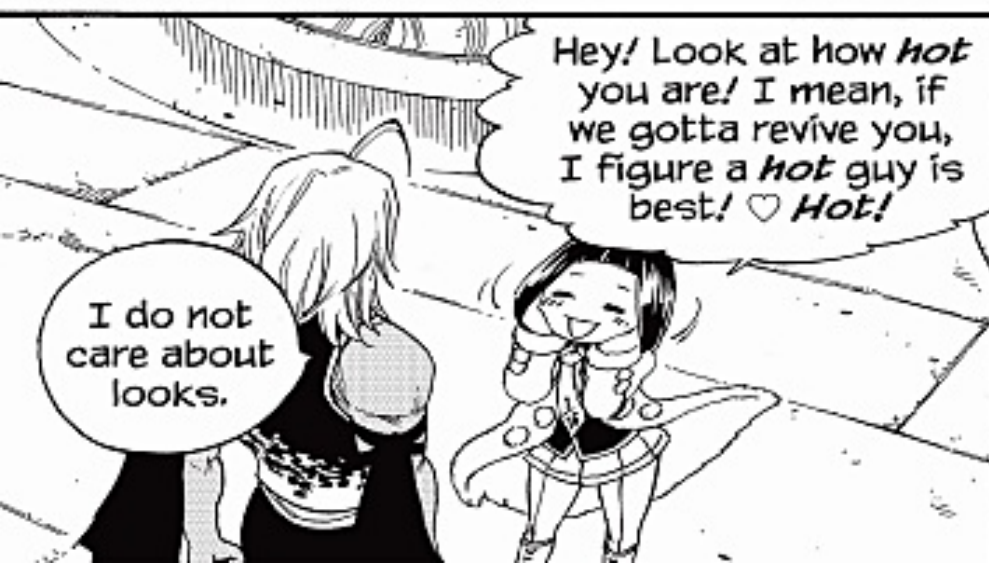
Oh, but
should I
worry...?

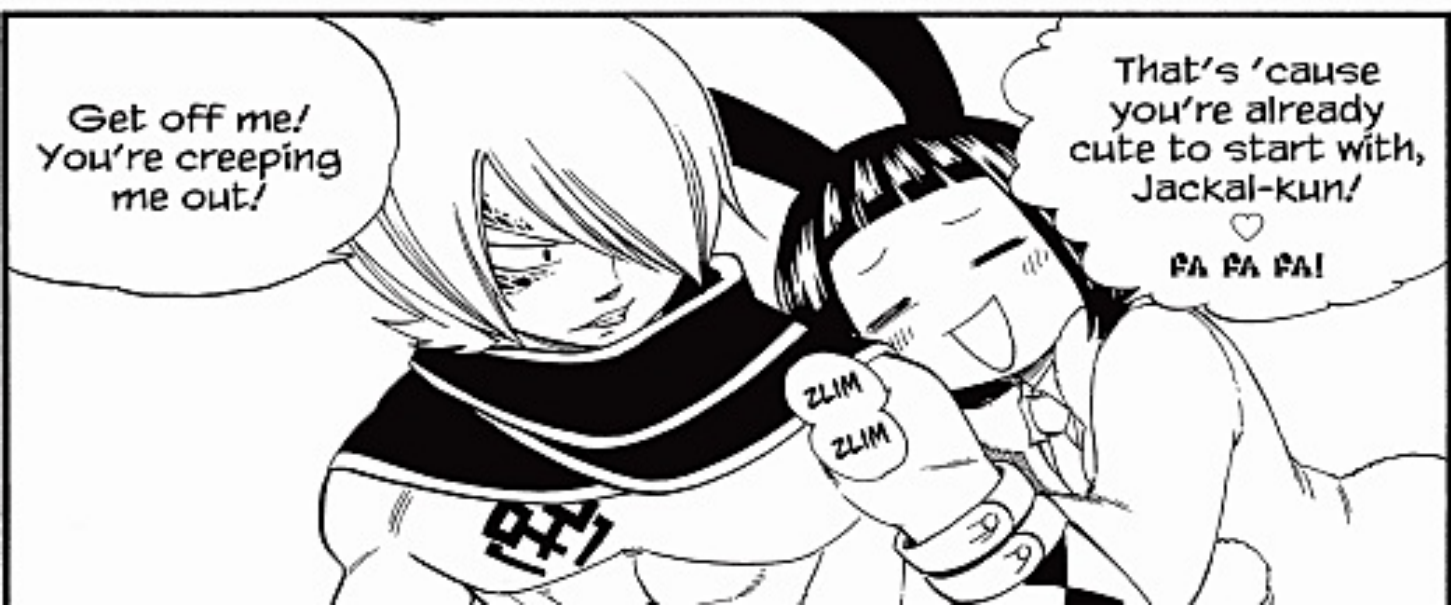
BOING

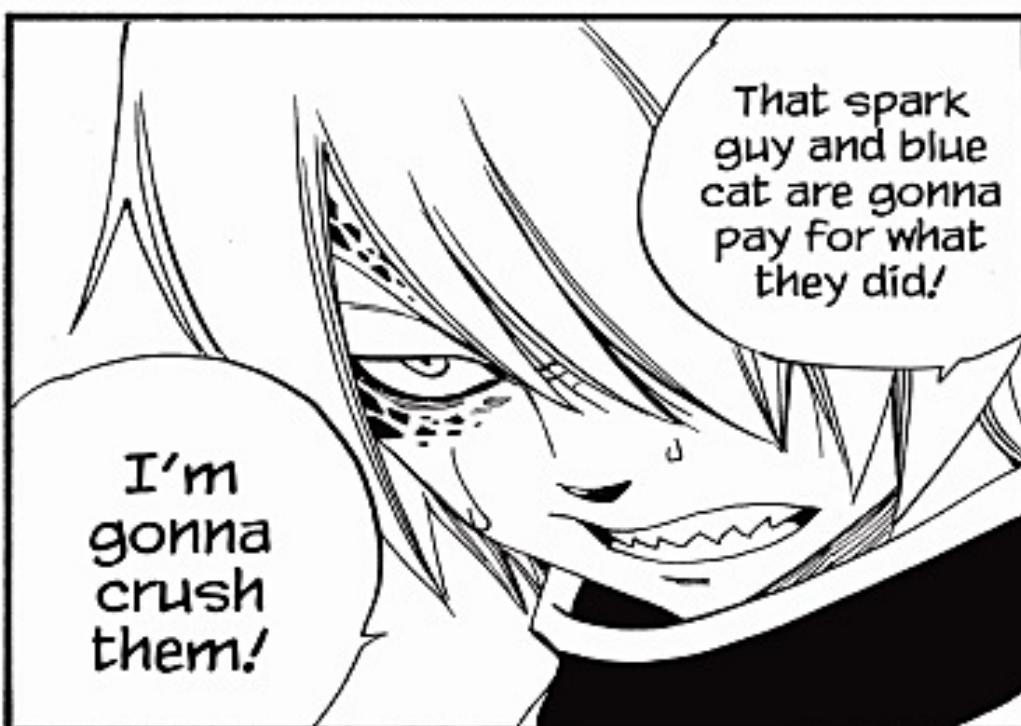


FA FA FA
FA FA FA
FA FA FA!

I mean,
they're
already
revived,
right?









So this is
a demon's
power...?

I feel it
surging
within
me...

But I hafta
say... I got
no interest in
girls!

HUMPH!
ふふ

That's Minerva,
the former human
that Big Sister
Kyôka found.

HEH.

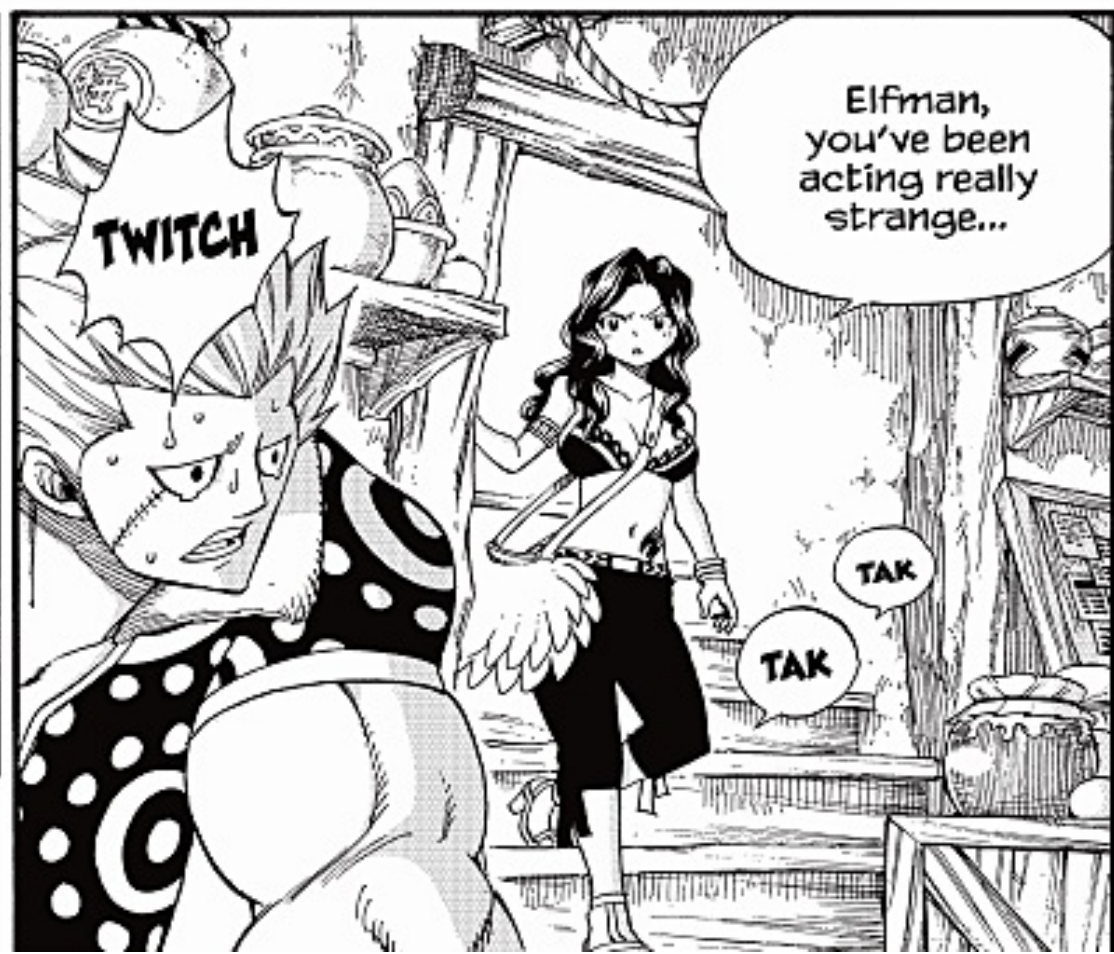
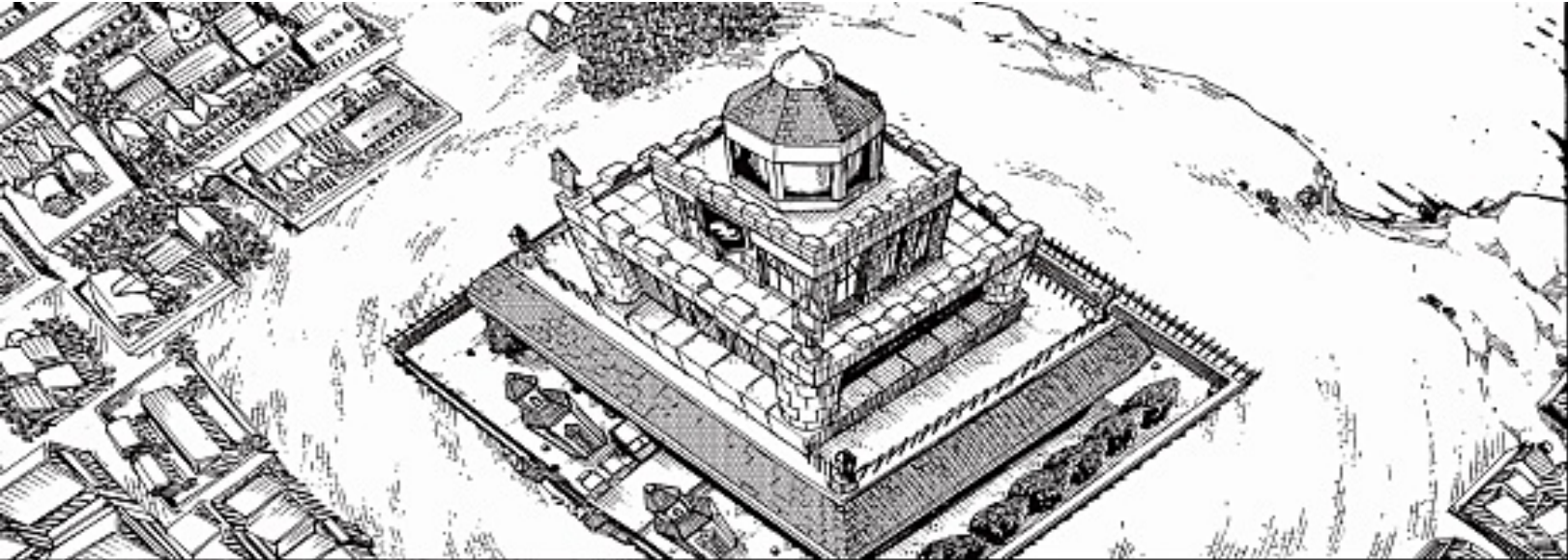
A new
member of
the club?

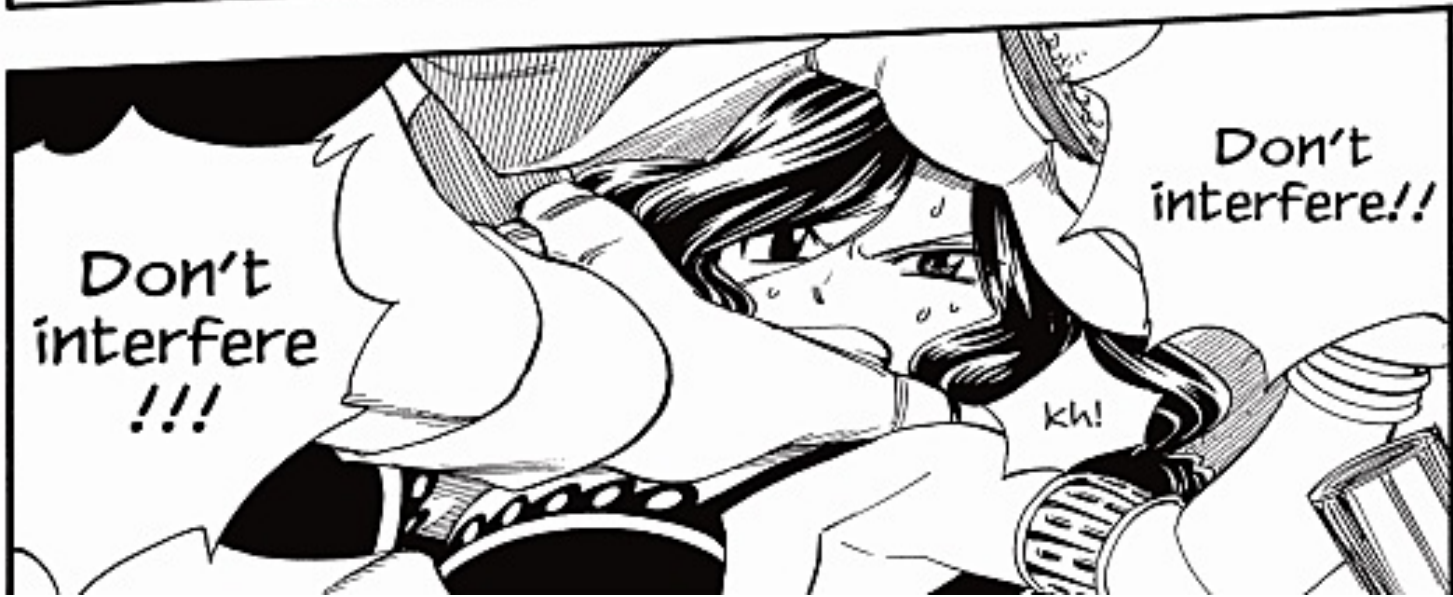
Minerva.

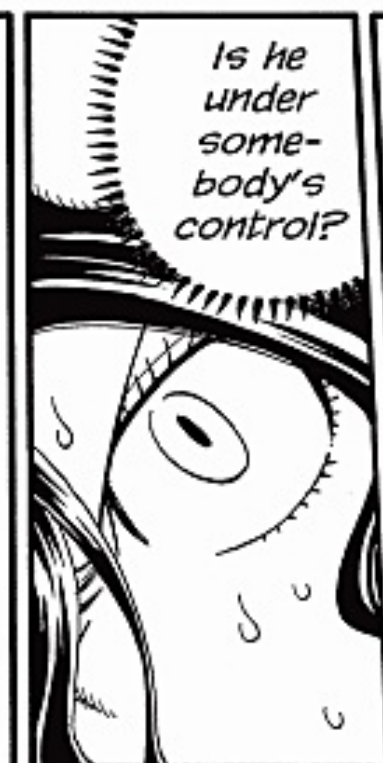
Speaking of
things I got
no interest in,
I'm thinking of
remaking this
one, too...

SHAKKA SHAKKA
))

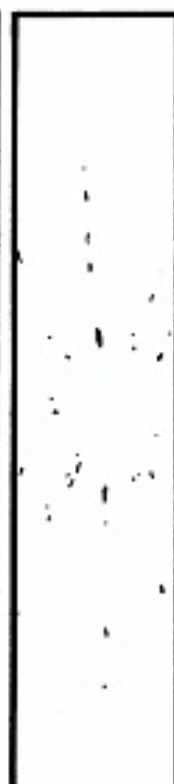








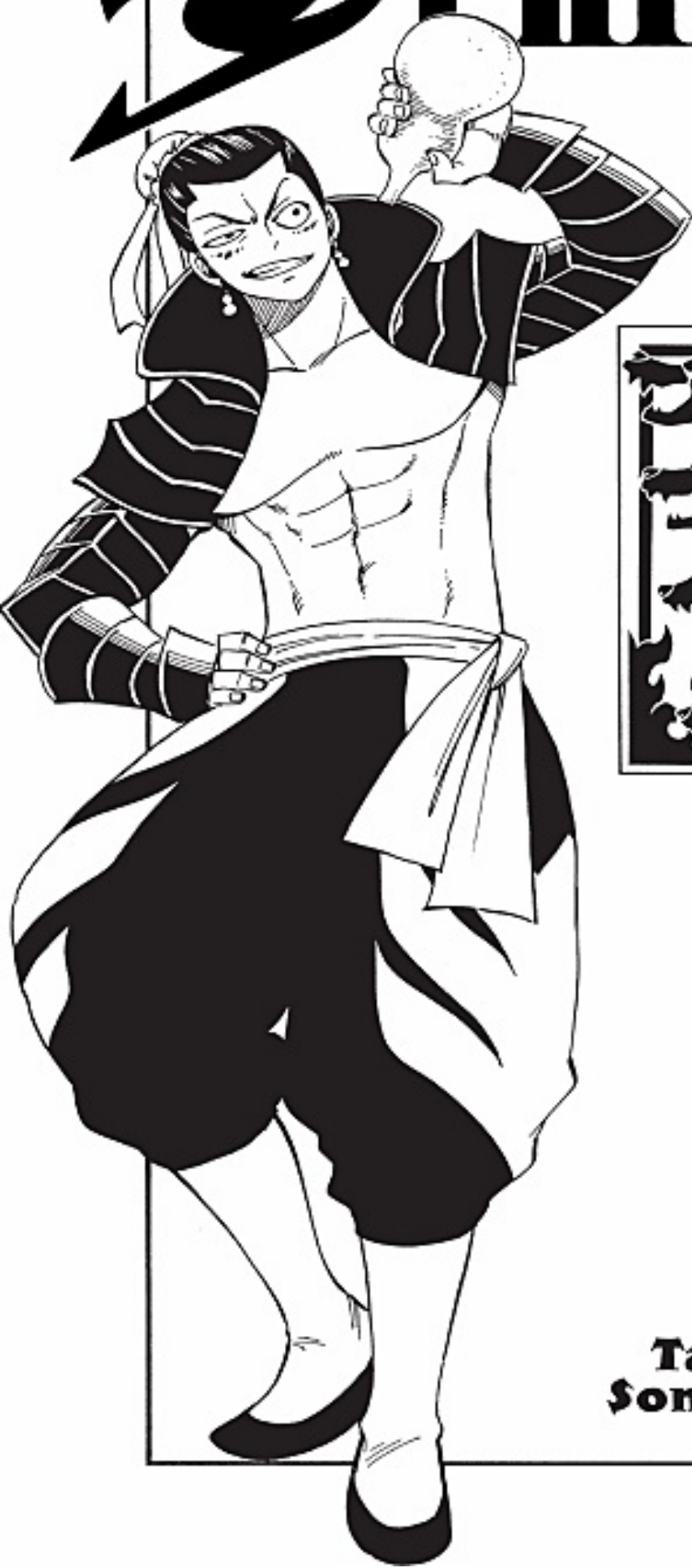






KAFOOOON

FAIRY TAIL



Quattro Cerberus

Name: Bacchus Glowe

Age: 28

Magic:

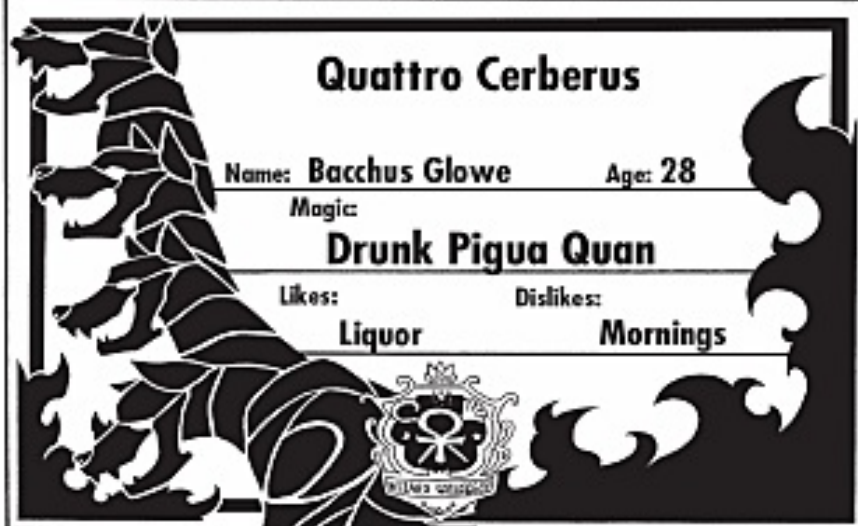
Drunk Pigua Quan

Likes:

Liquor

Dislikes:

Mornings



Remarks

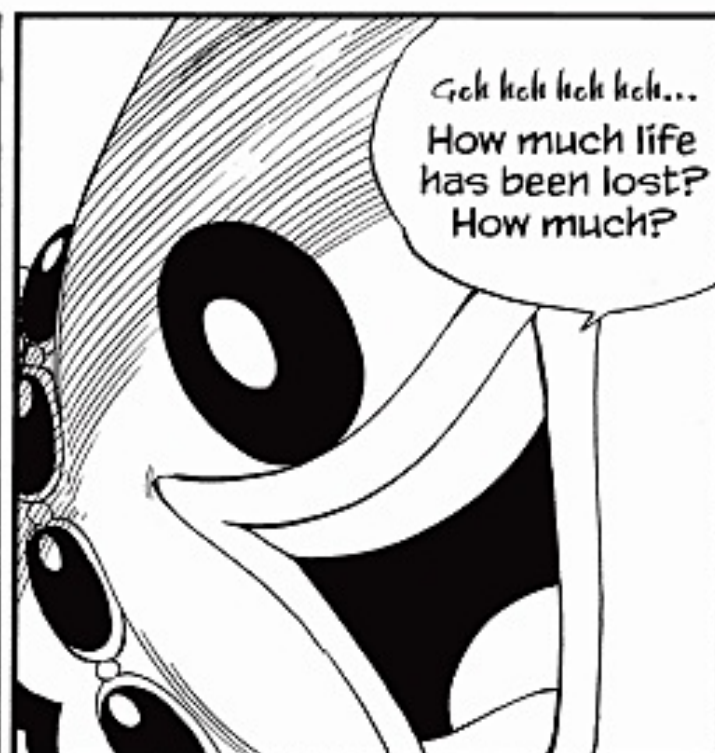
The ace of Quattro Cerberus. Seven years ago, he was strong enough to go one-on-one against Erza. His strength hasn't diminished any, but during the Games, he lost to Elfman, and now he's on a serious training journey to get even better.

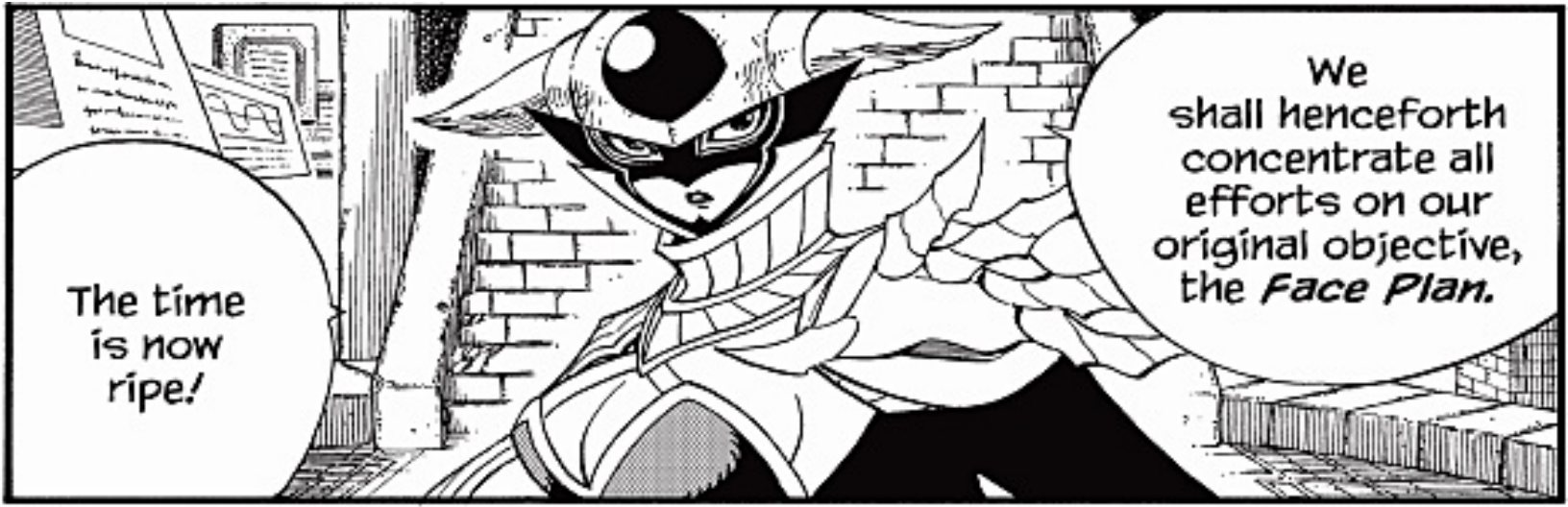
He and Cana are still drinking buddies, and every now and then, they drink a liquor barrel dry together.

There is also a band of thieves who call themselves Bacchus, but he has nothing to do with them now.

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Song of the Sky Dragon**

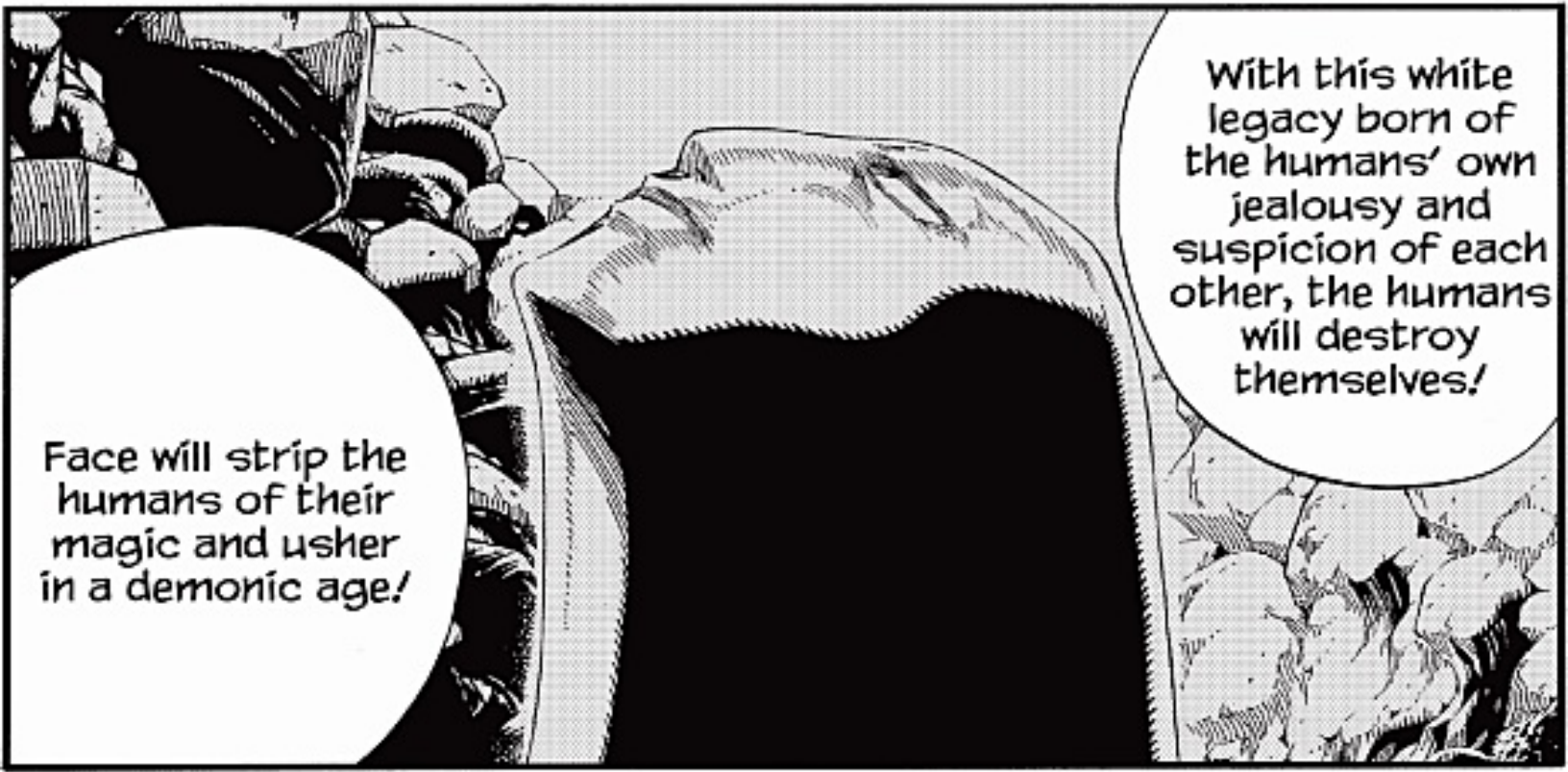






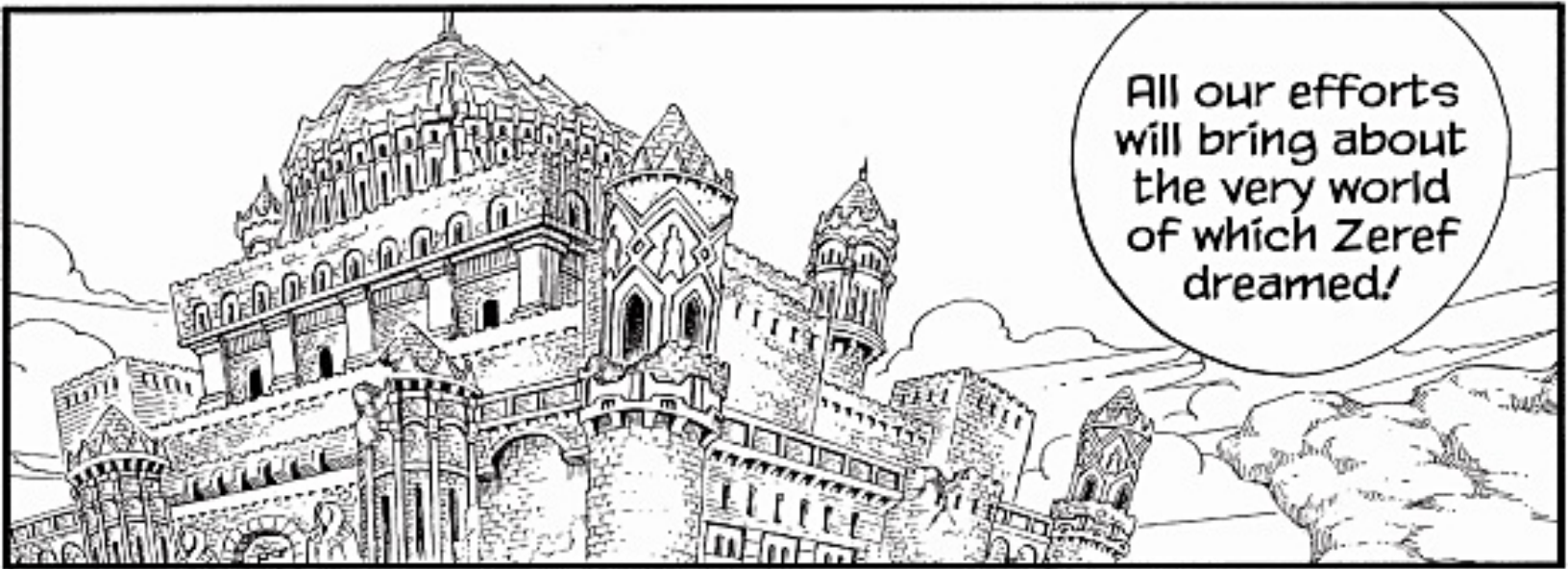
The time
is now
ripe!

We
shall henceforth
concentrate all
efforts on our
original objective,
the *Face Plan*.



Face will strip the
humans of their
magic and usher
in a demonic age!

With this white
legacy born of
the humans' own
jealousy and
suspicion of each
other, the humans
will destroy
themselves!



All our efforts
will bring about
the very world
of which Zeref
dreamed!







Cards
?!



Fairy Tail
will be
destroyed

Destroyed
...

Destroyed
...

Elfman,
snap out
of it!!

URGHH
You stupid...



Ohhhhhh
!!!



KASHOOM

WHOOSH
WHOOSH



Dammit
...

Nothing
personal,
Elfman...



That hot
tanned guy
we met a while
back taught
me how to
do this.

IP
GRIPP



XOPOFF

Destroyed
...

Destroyed
...



RUMMMBLE

!



Yeaaah!!!!



Let's
go!!!!



That
thing's
about to
blow!!!!

Dammit
!!!

TUMP
TUMP
TUMP



All
of you,
into
cards
!!!

Some are
wounded, and
some are too slow
to save themselves,
so this was all I
could do!!



Was
that you,
Cana?!



PA-POFF

I know
this
magic...

What
just
happened
?!!



Huh?

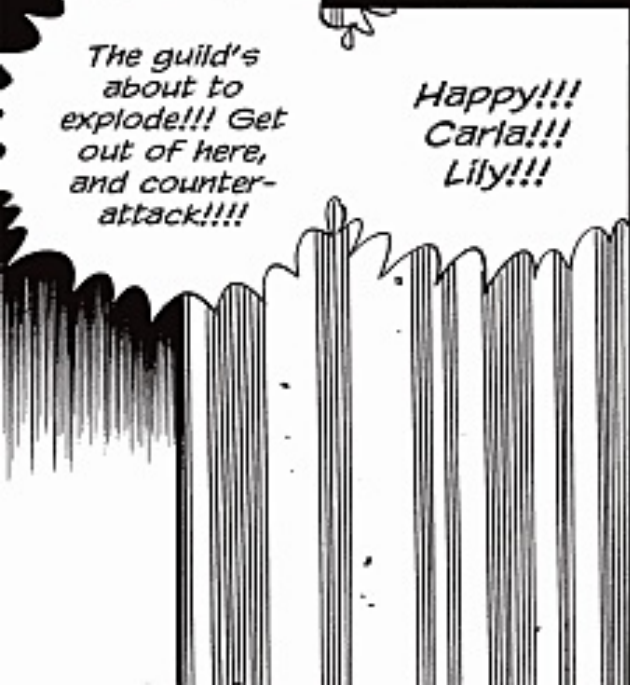
POFF

What
?!

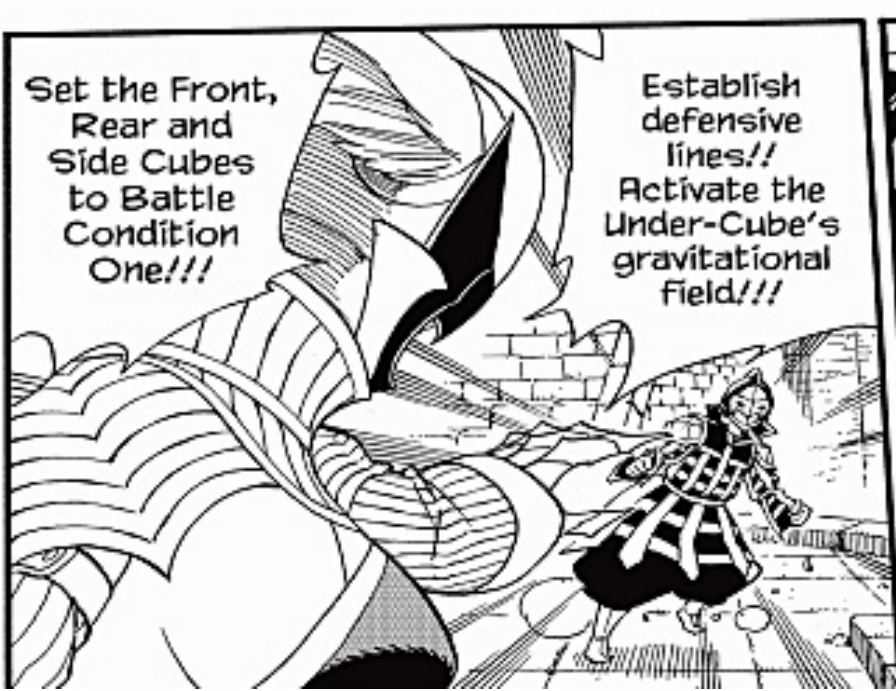
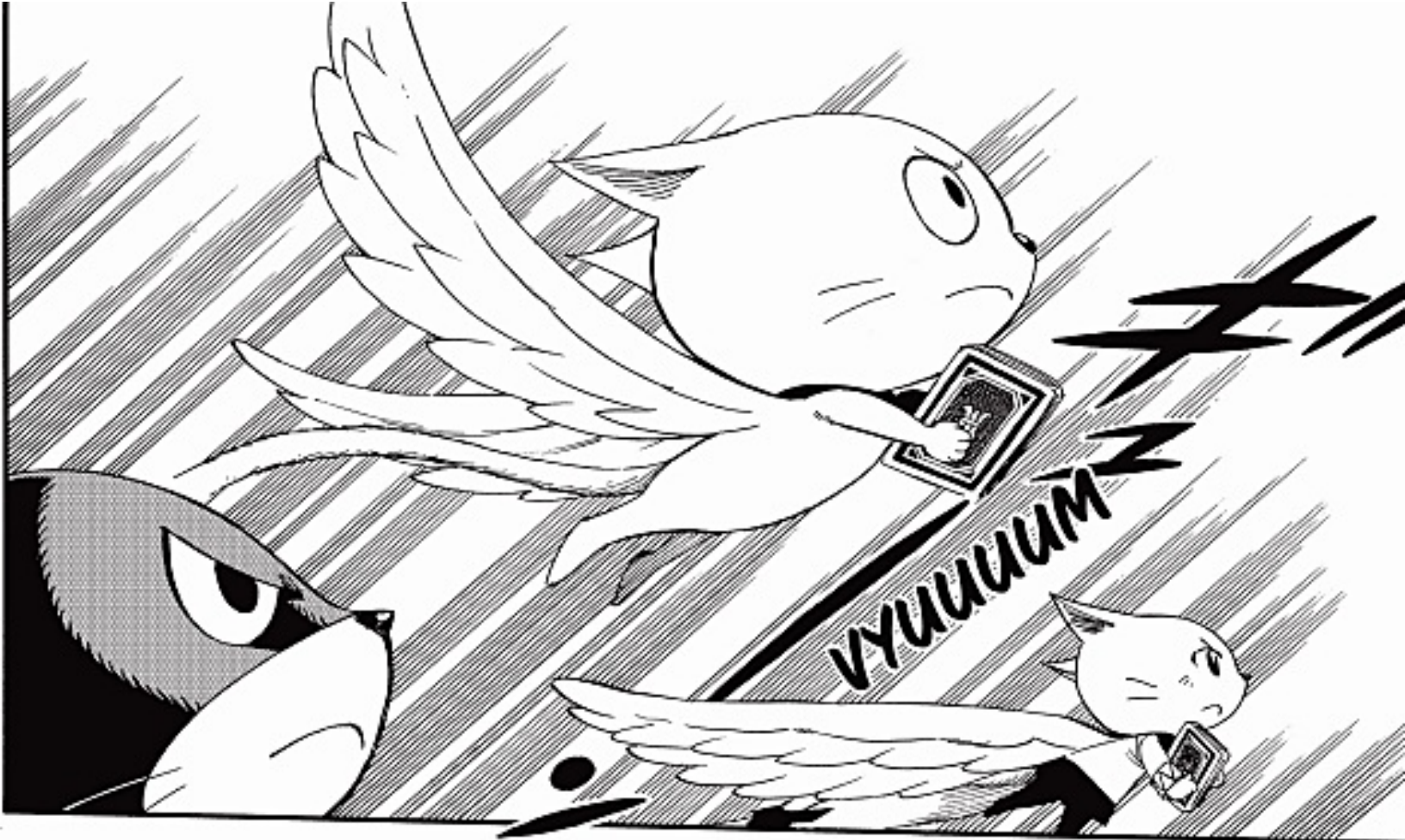


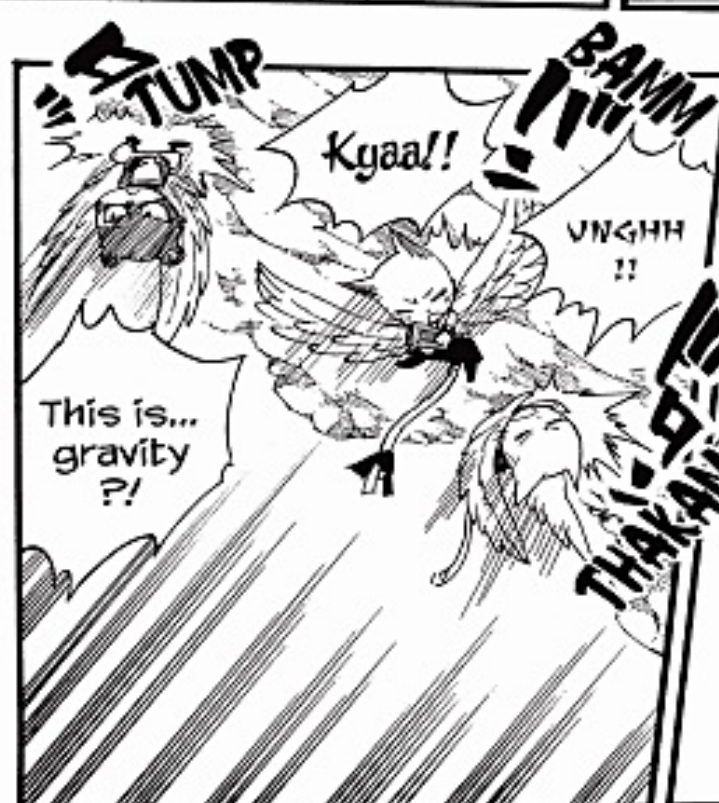
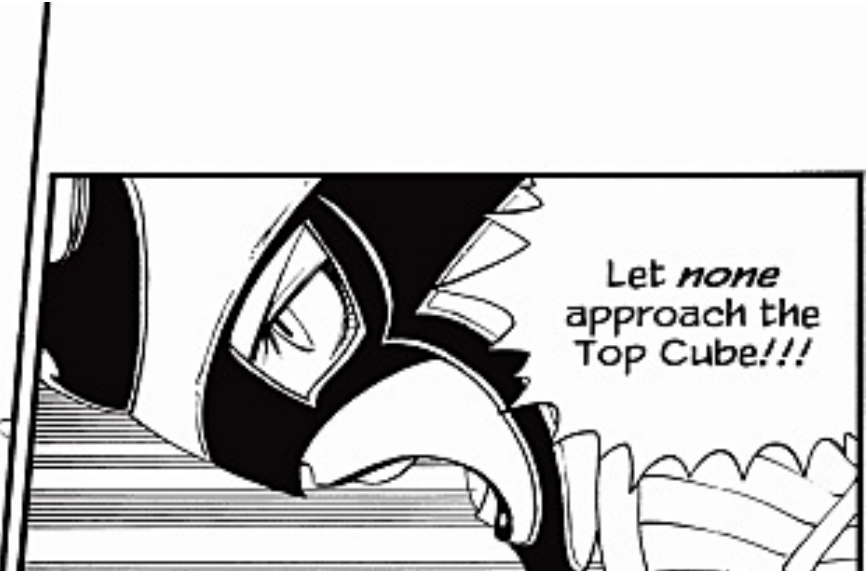
The guild's
about to
explode!!! Get
out of here,
and counter-
attack!!!!

Happy!!!
Carla!!!
Lily!!!



All cards,
back into
my hand!
Salvage!!



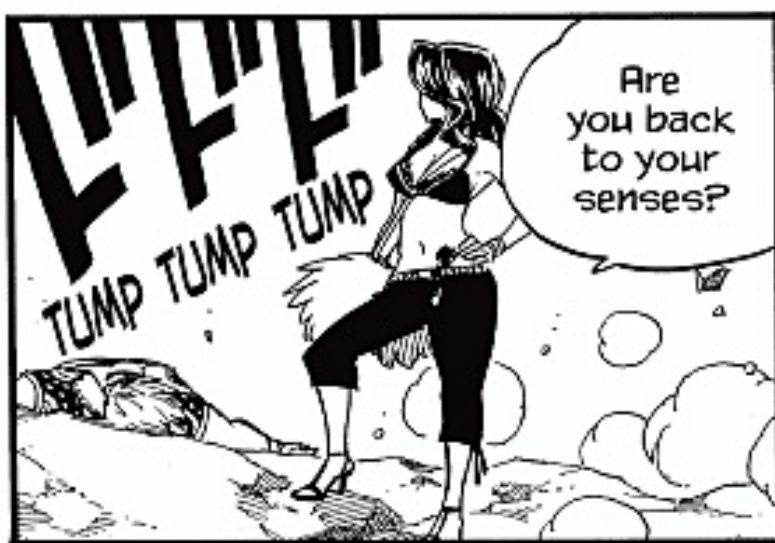




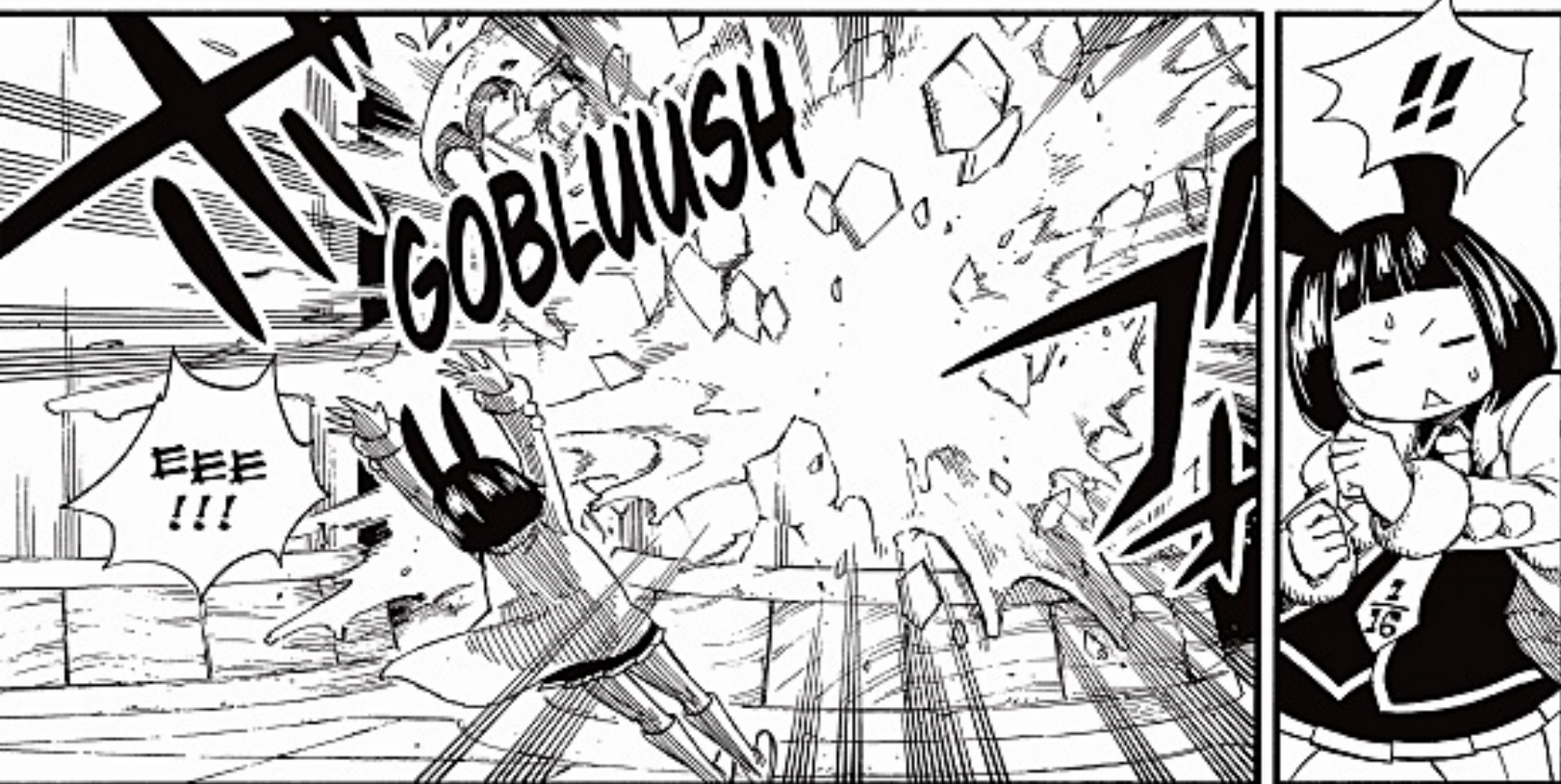
You're *about* to save Lisanna and Mira, right?



What have I done...?







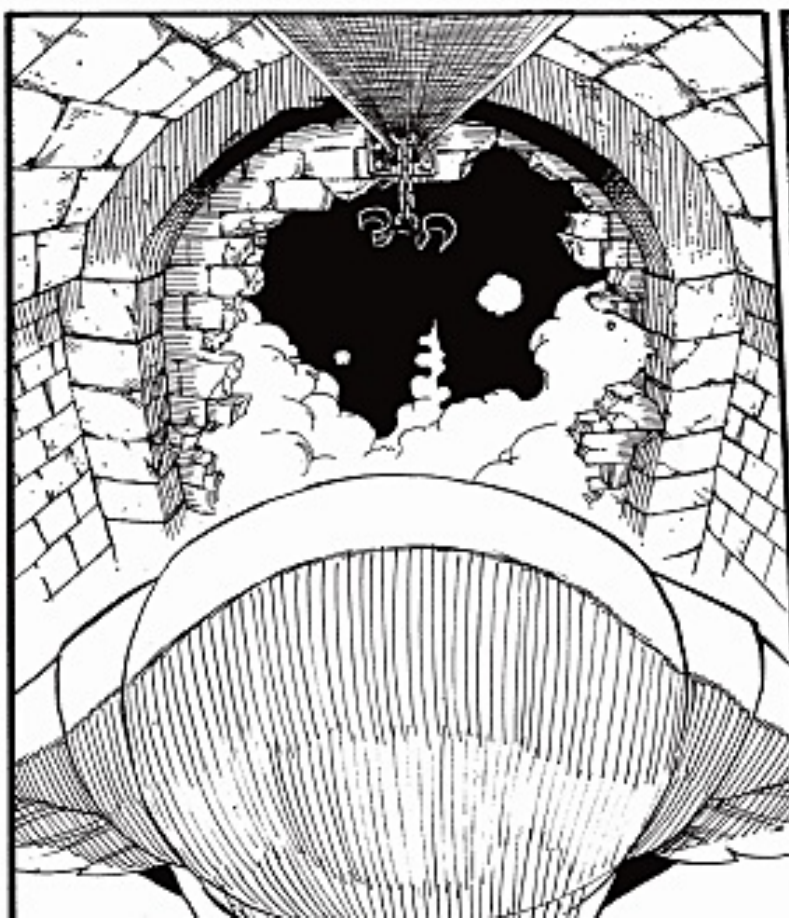
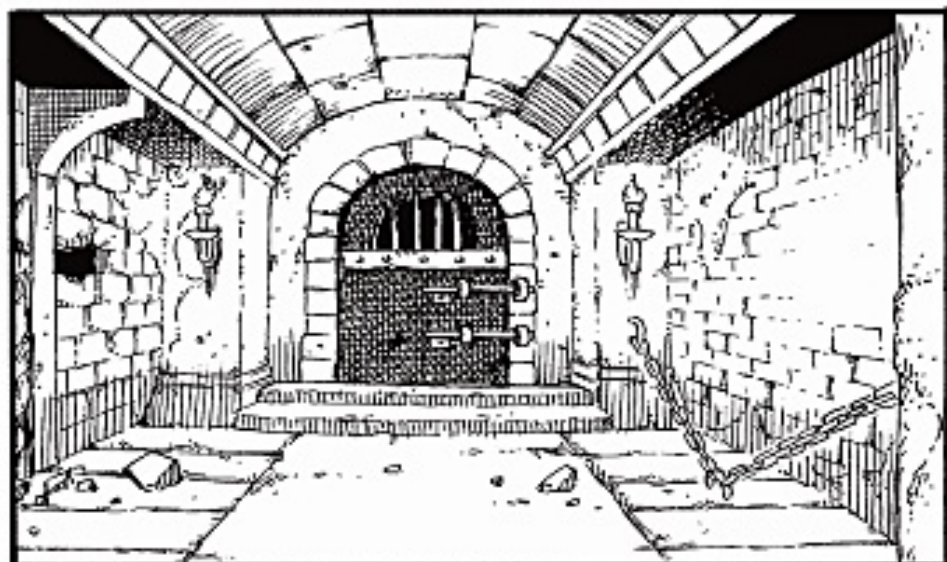


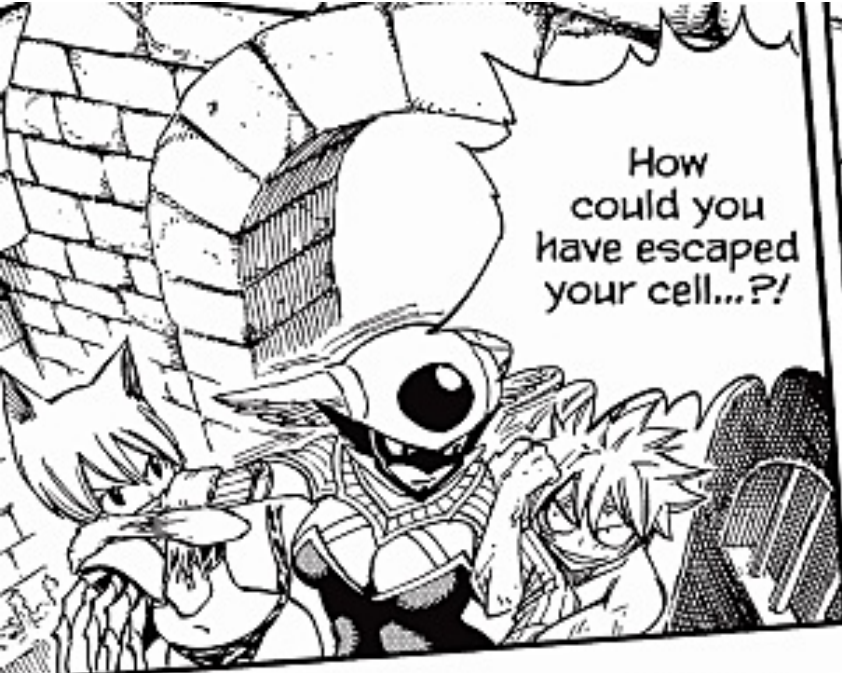
I already
had my share of
demon genes. I
needed them for
Satan Soul.

And
thanks
to you,
I'm all
revived!



Perhaps Erza will be of use... Hostages tend to be effective with humans.





How
could you
have escaped
your cell...?!

*And now
we got
ya!!*



The Heat
Blade?!

This
sword's
got lotsa
power!



Where is
Erza?!



You showed
me such
hospitality
while I was
your guest.





We've been
waiting for
you!!!

GRATCH
GRATCH

GRATCH

RUMMMMMBLE

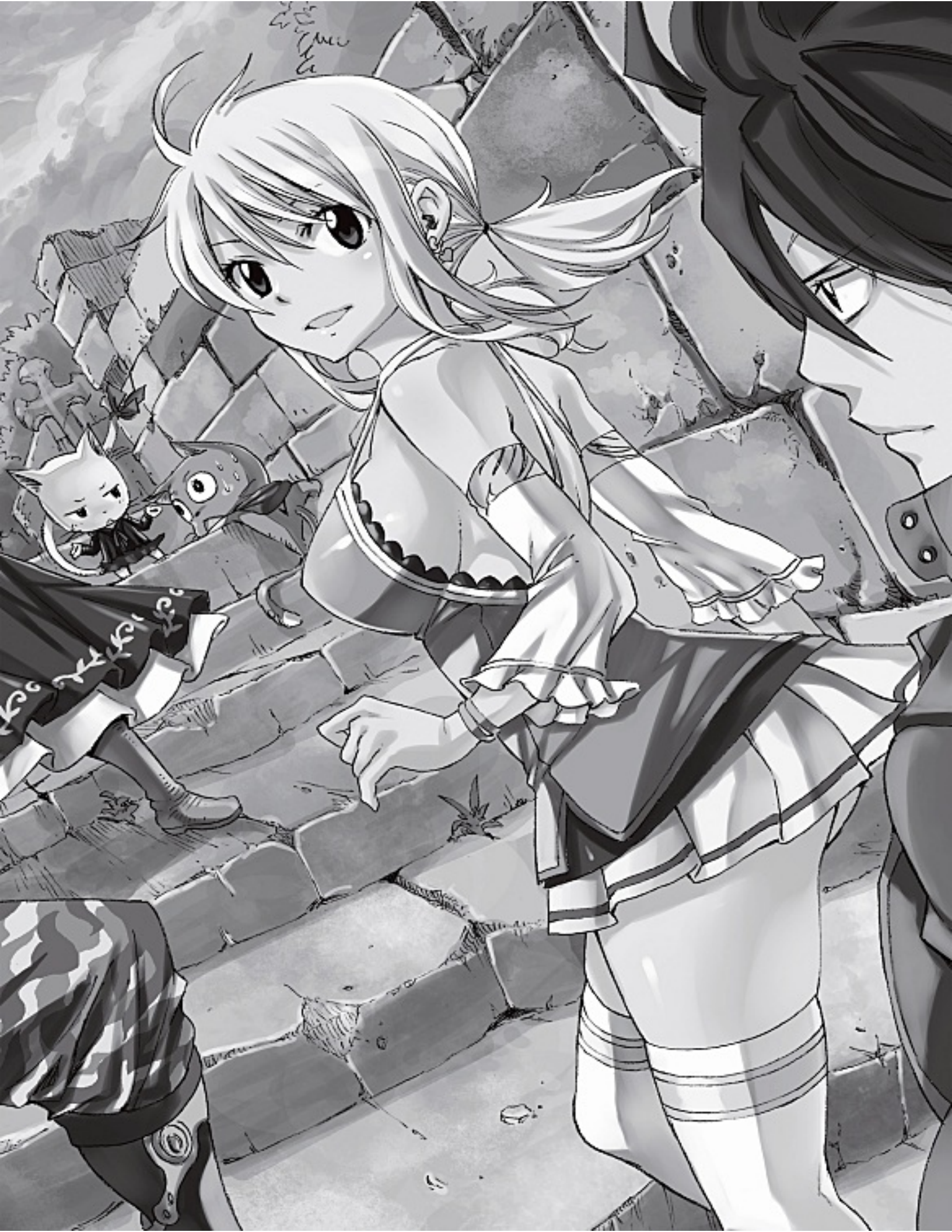
*Allow me to
repay you in
kind!*

ZLIM
ZLIM
ZLIM



Chapter 372: Breakthrough





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PART 1

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Saitama Prefecture, Minoru Chiba



▲ Wa ha ha! What is this? (Laughs) That doggy Gildarts is just the best!!

▼ Selah, Tartaros's beauty. Just how much power does she have?



Tokyo, Hisato Uematsu

▼ Nine Demon Gates Unite!! The fight begins now!!



Gumma Prefecture, Kyousuke Yoshinaga

Fukuoka Prefecture, Wakagi



▲ Very well drawn!! And with Lucy and Carla!! You'd think they'd go together, but it's a rare pairing.

REJECTION CORNER

Th- This battle has the lowest stakes I've ever seen...



Iwate Prefecture, Nozomi Takeda



Tochigi Prefecture, Mei Abe

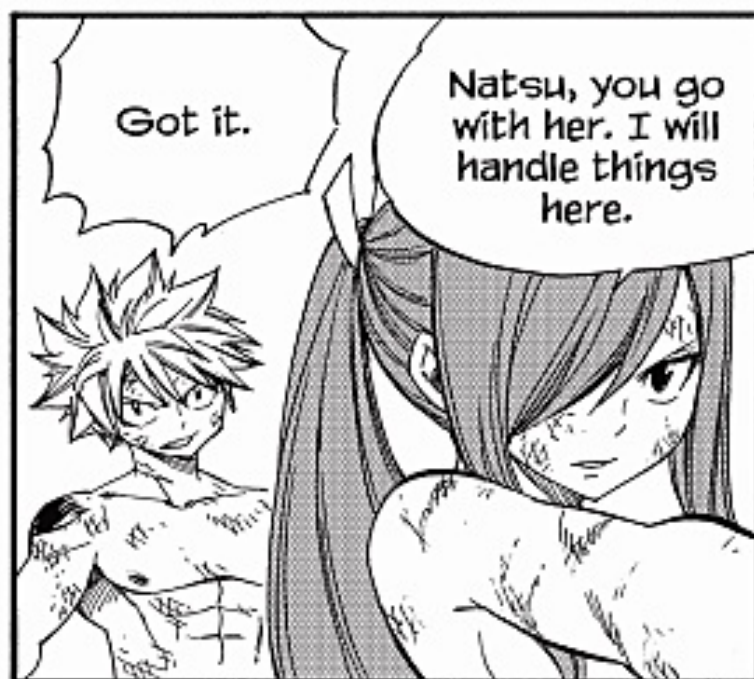
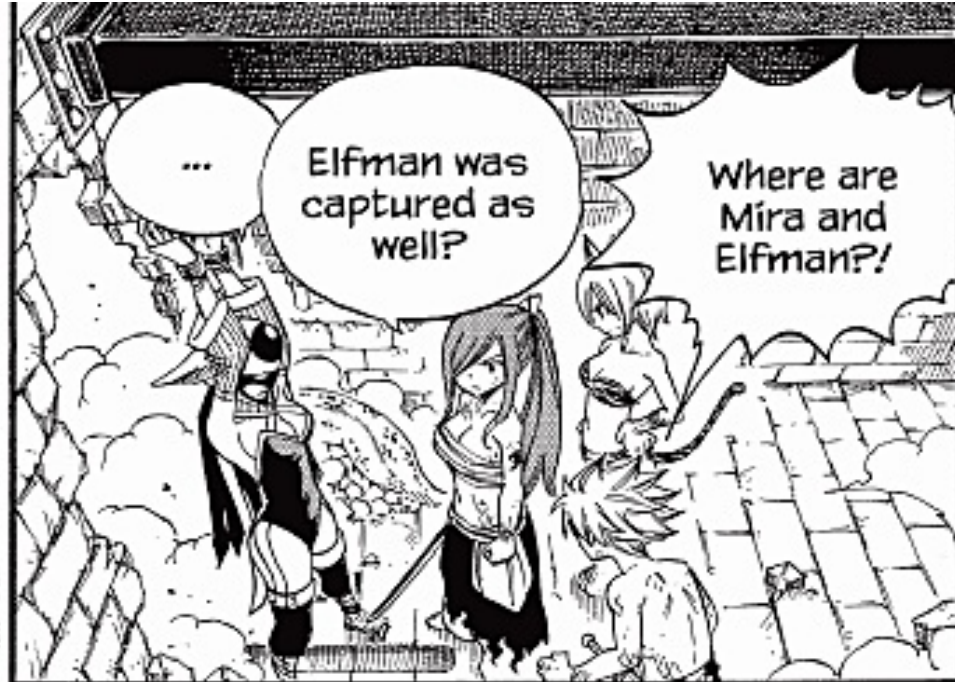
◀ Natsu and Sting! You know, someday I'd like to draw the two of them working together.

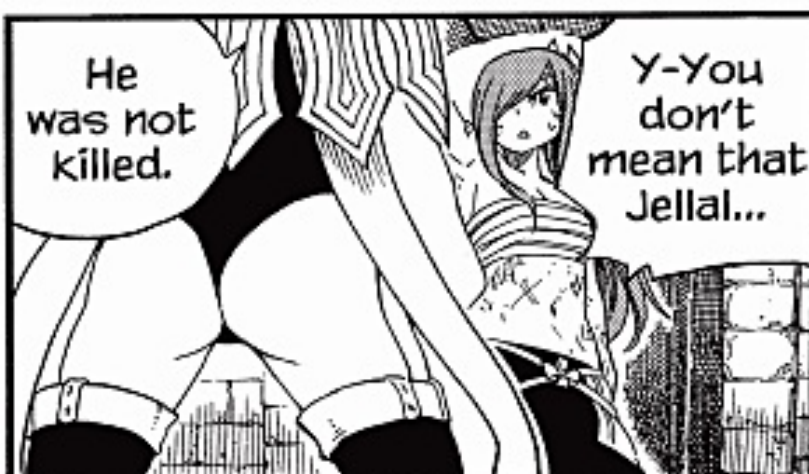
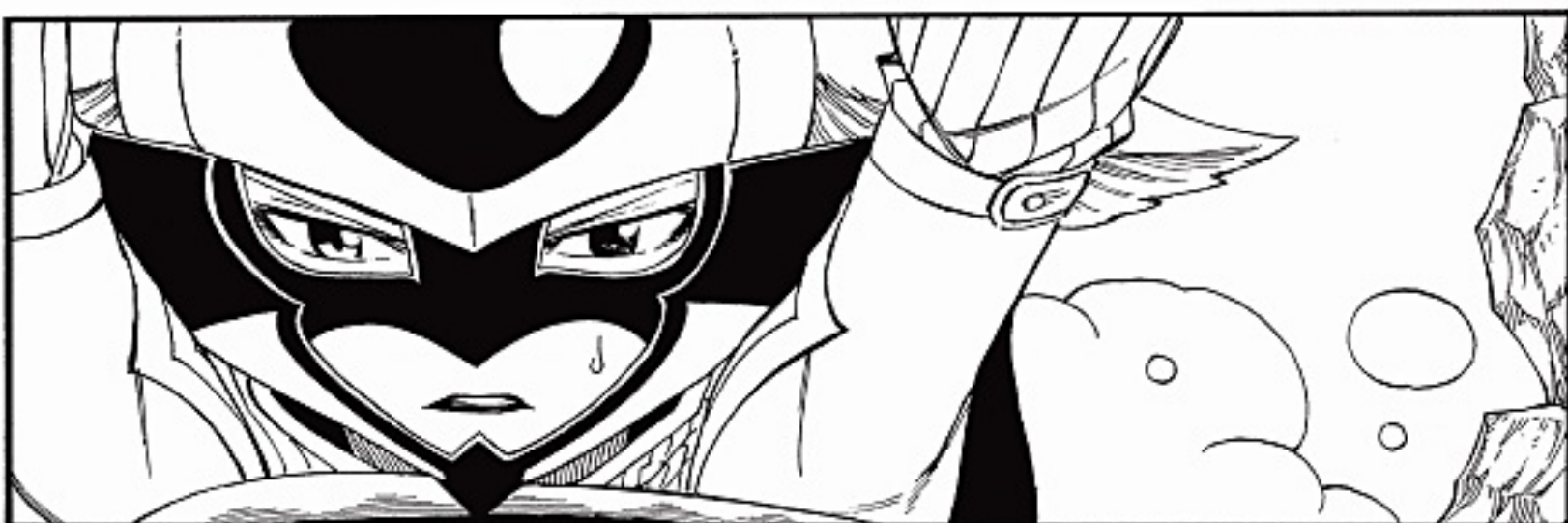
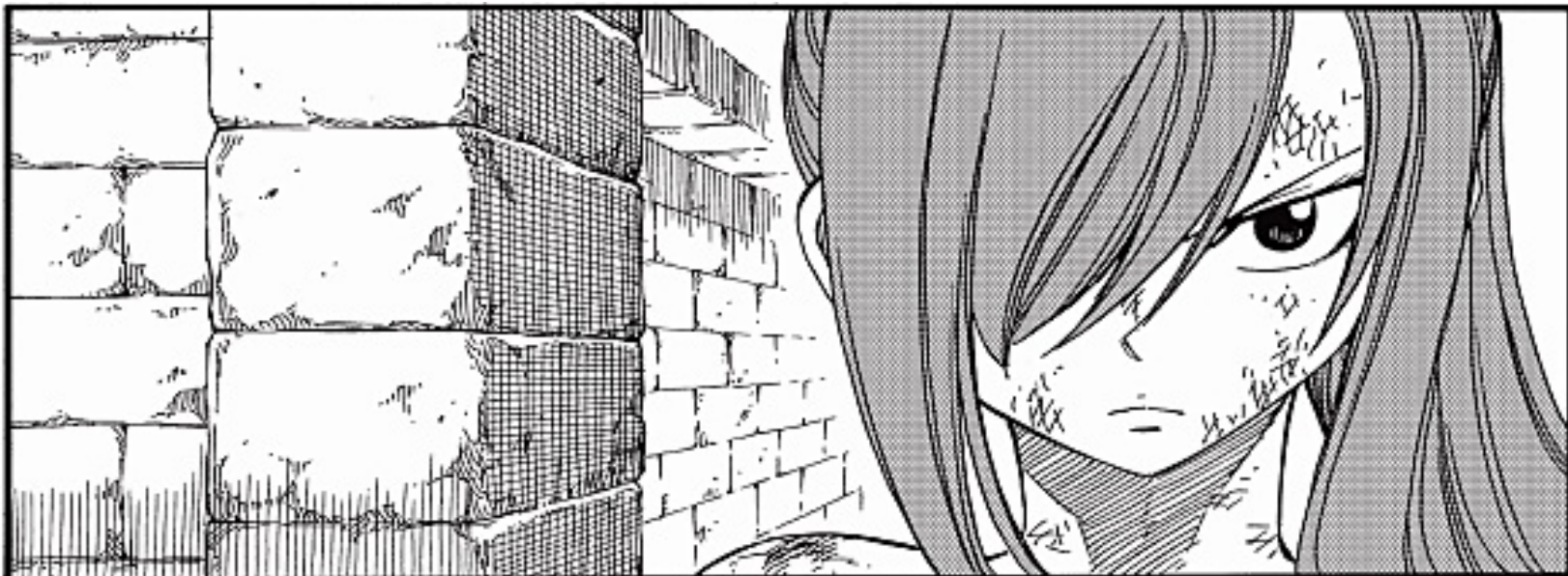


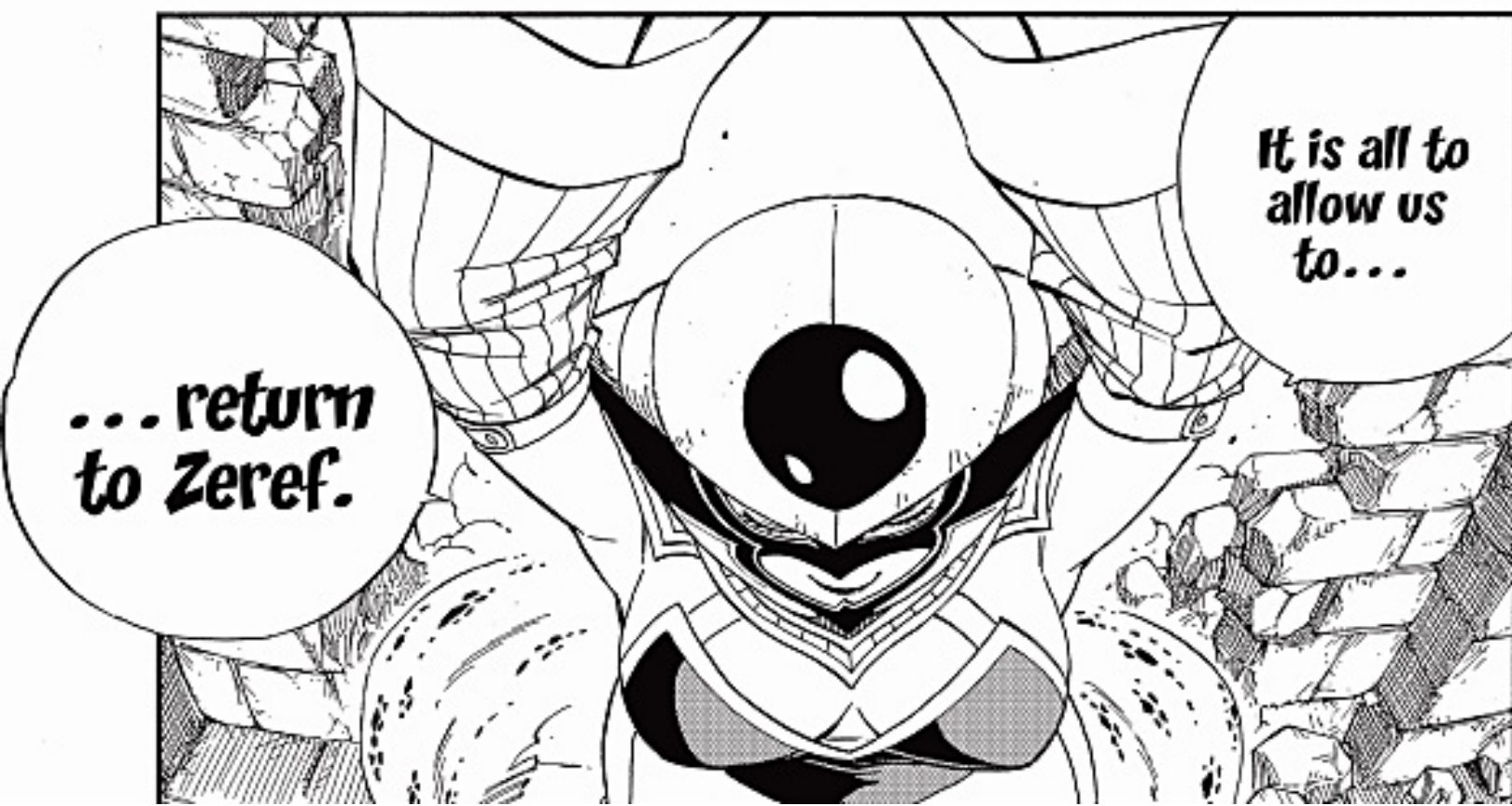
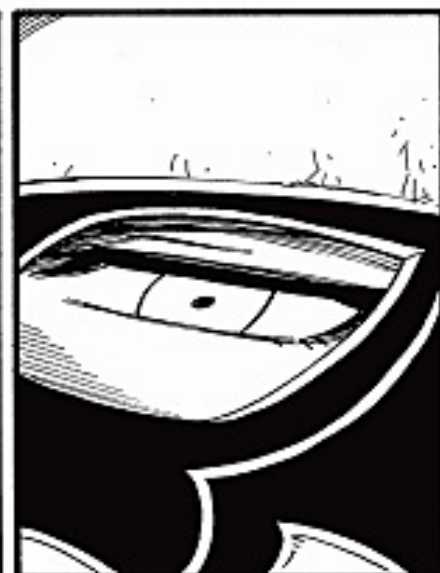
▲ The older-guy enemy characters. You like drawing the old men, huh?

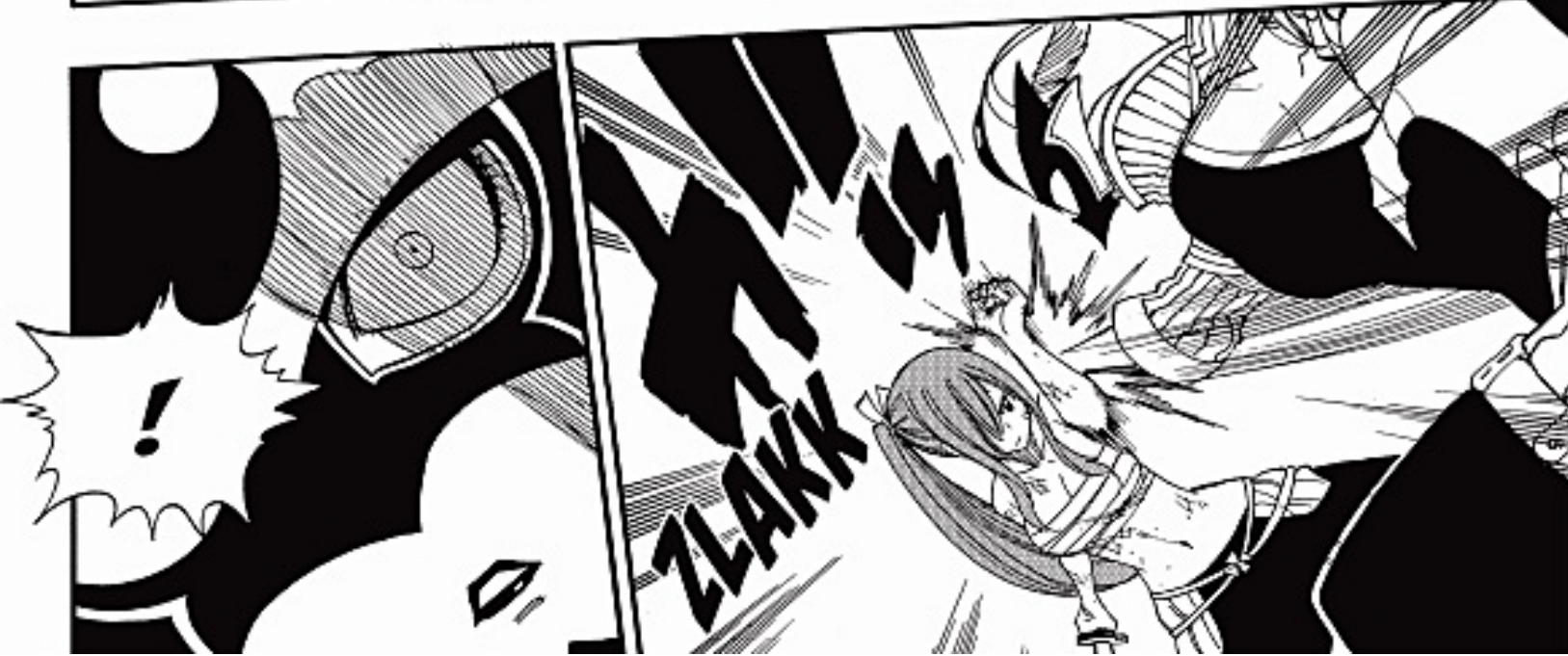
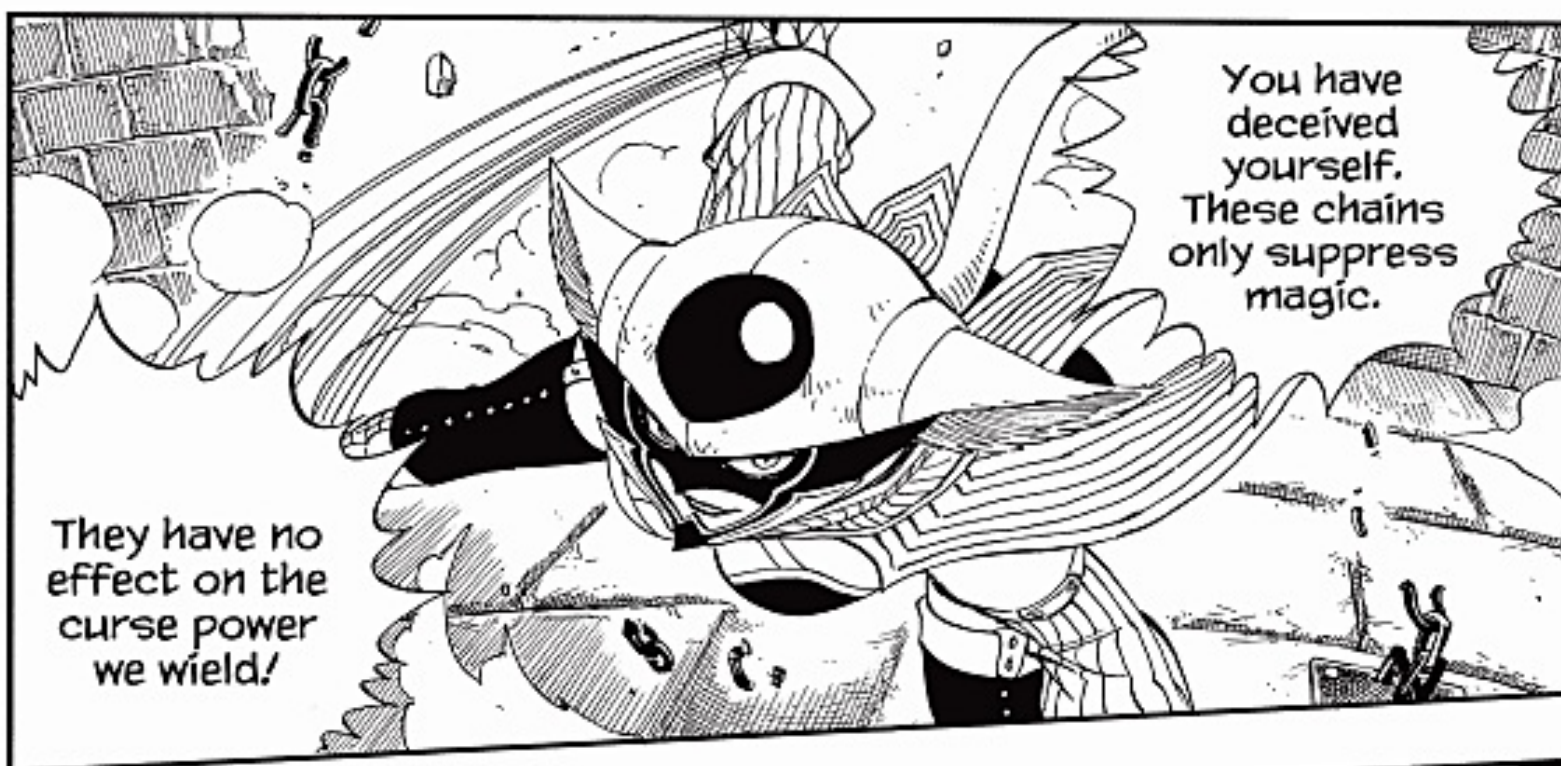
Kanagawa Prefecture, Ryo

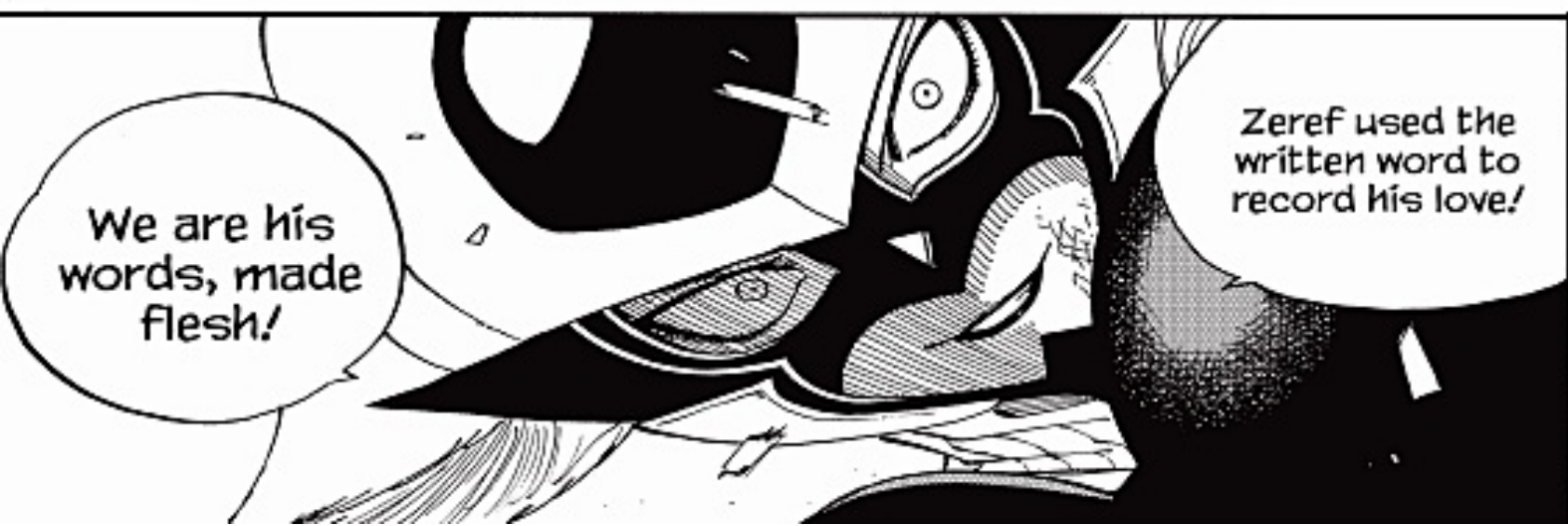
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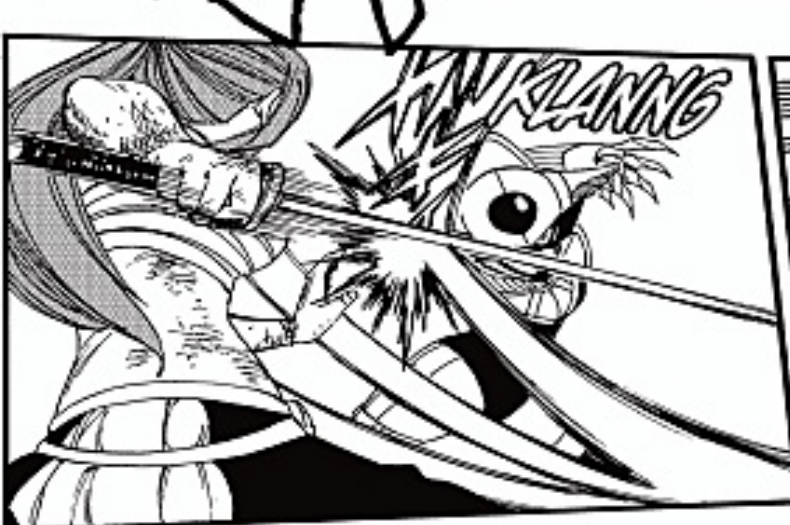








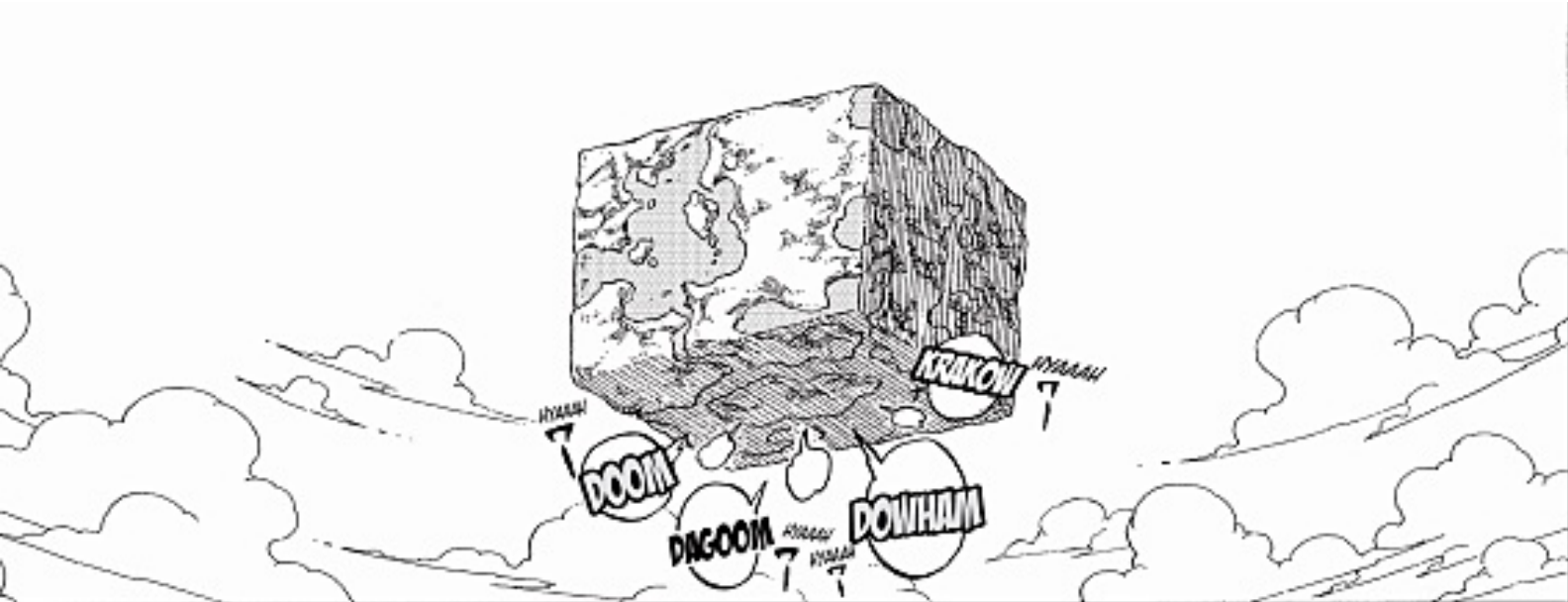
**Demons
from the
Book of
Zeref!!!!**

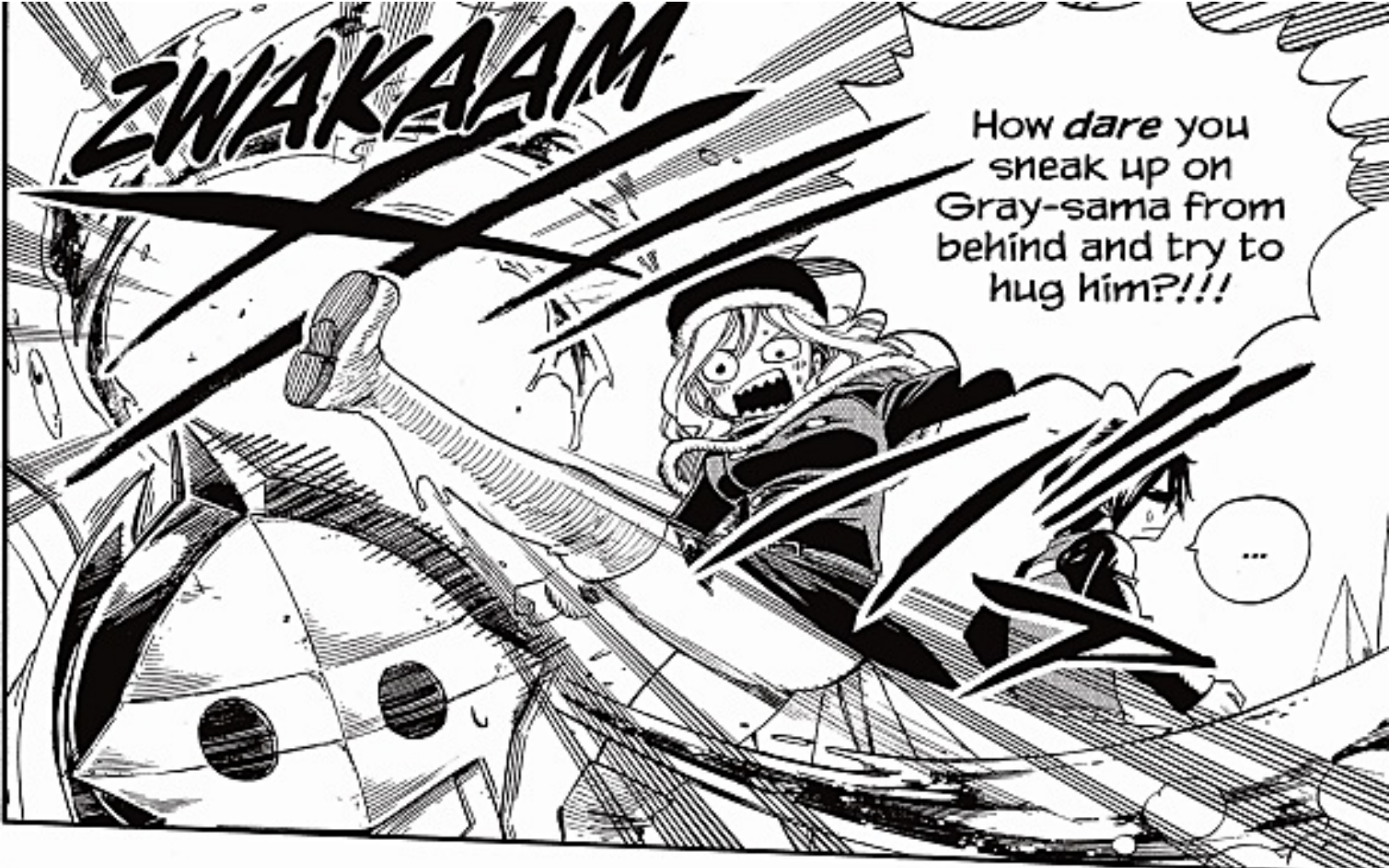




**To walk
under
your own
power!!!!**

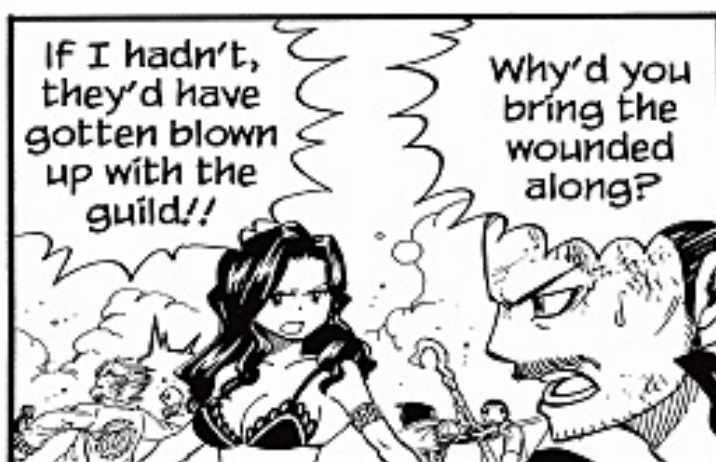
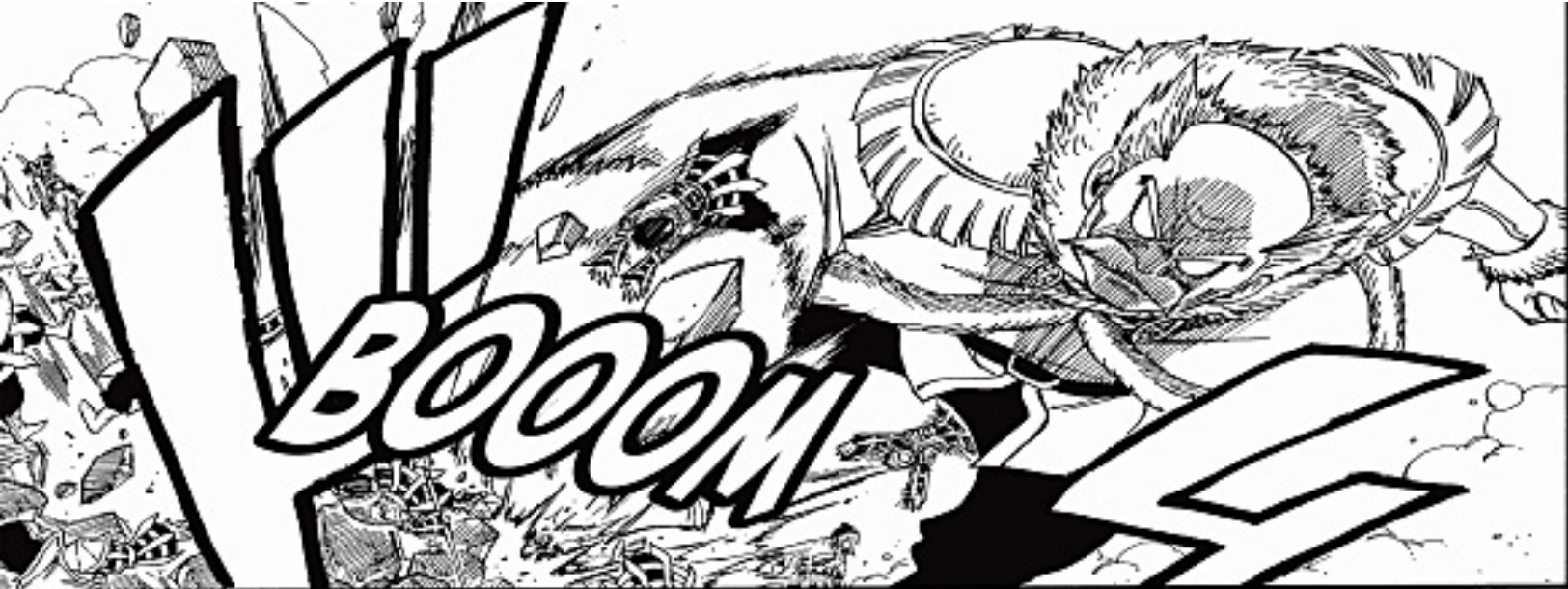
GAAH!

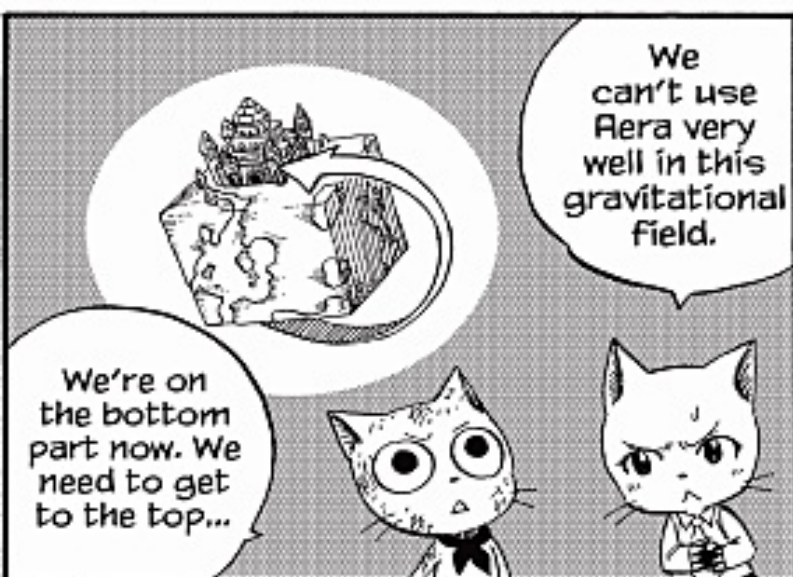




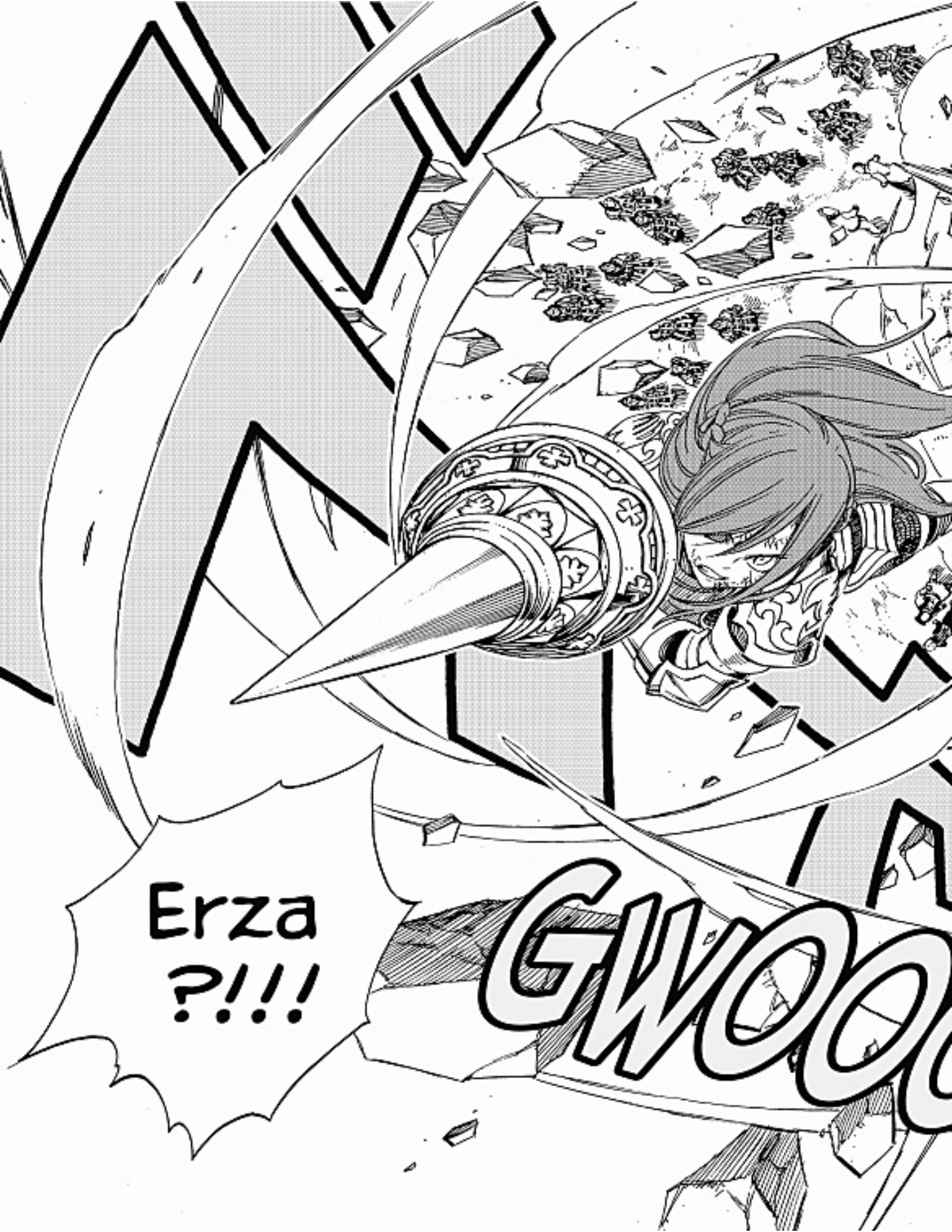
How *dare* you
sneak up on
Gray-sama from
behind and try to
hug him?!!!











Erza
?!!!

GWOO

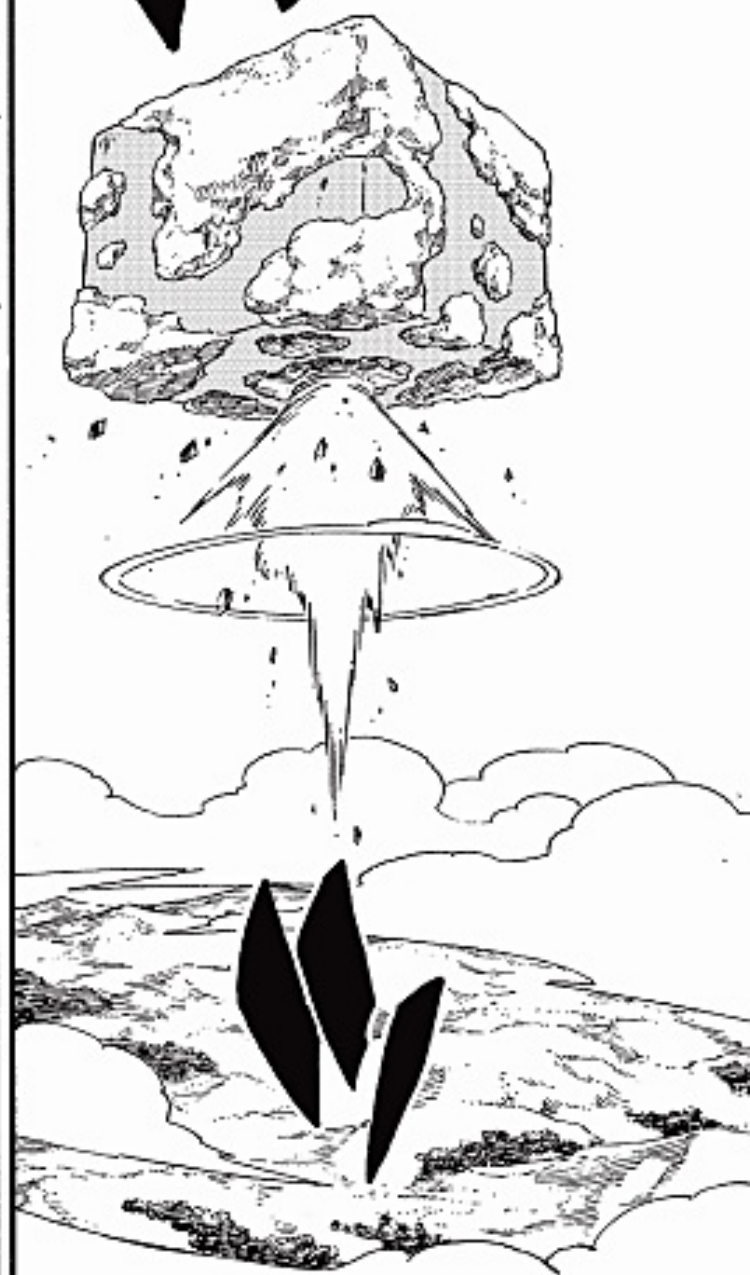


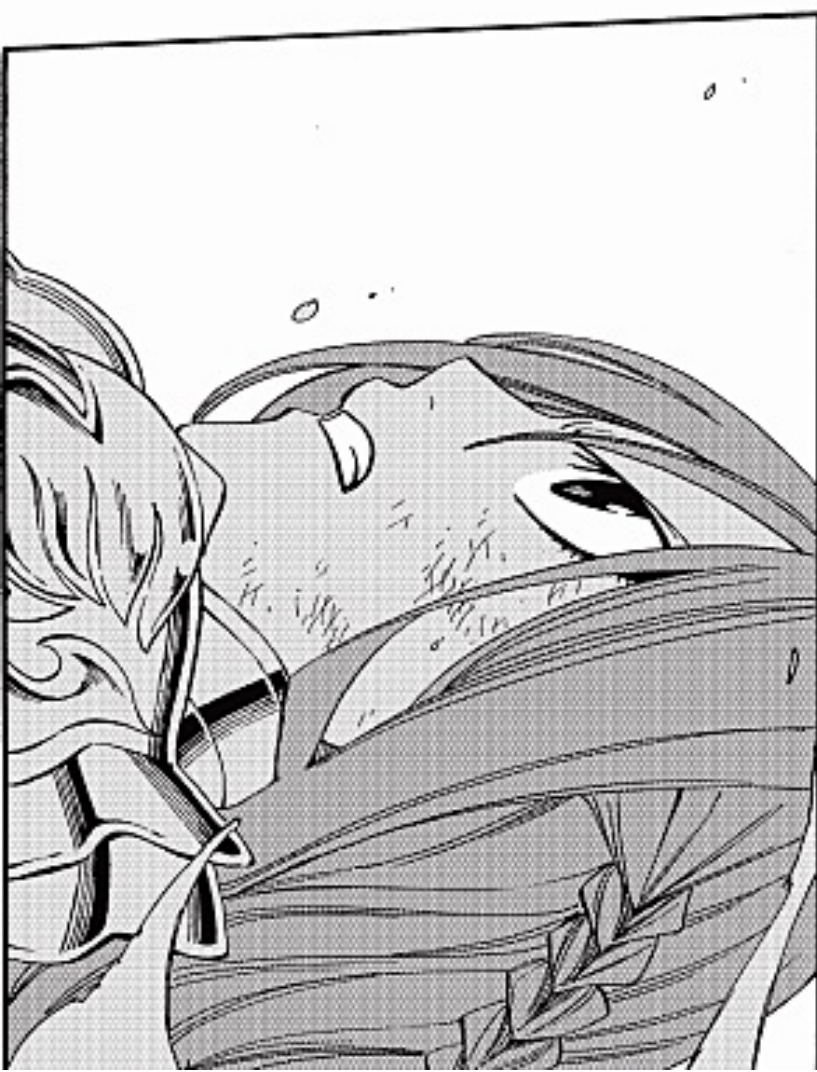
What was
that?!!!



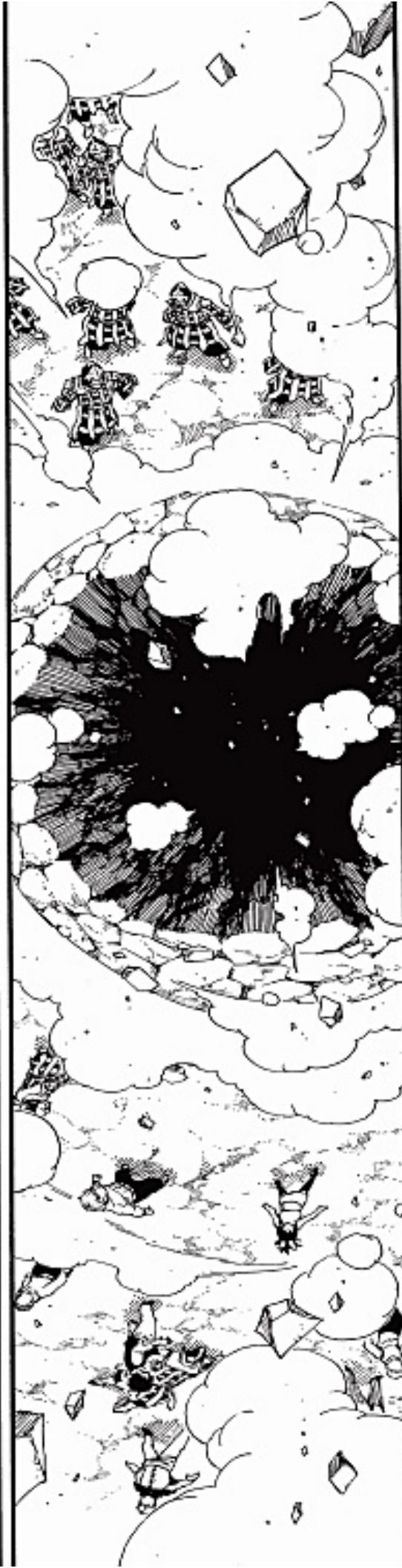
The
ground
is...

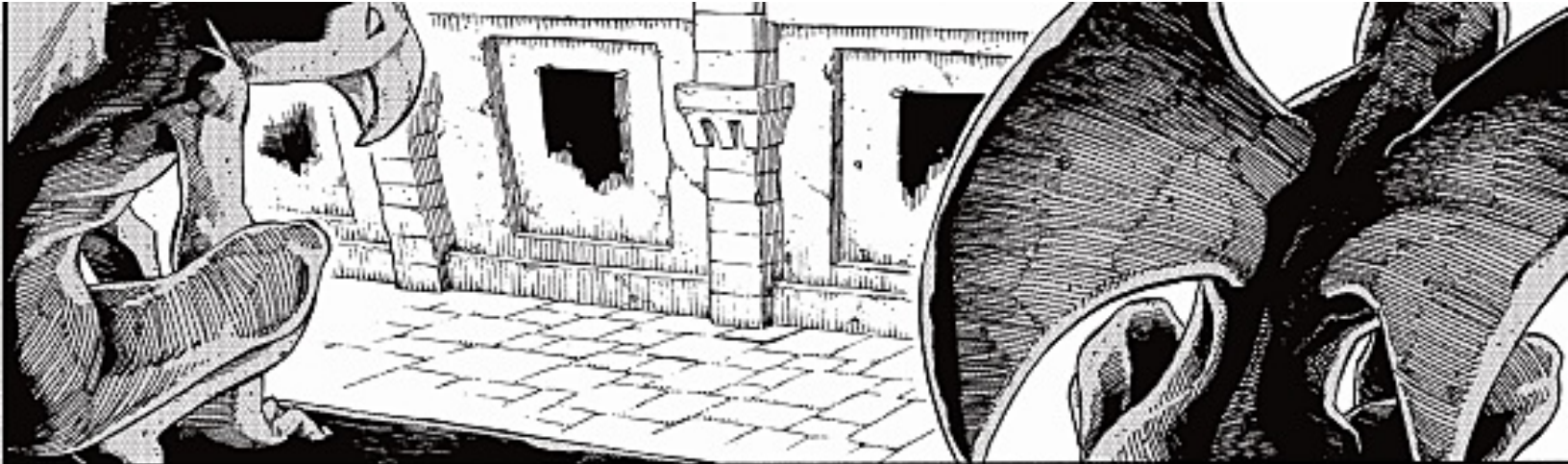
BOOOM





***She
broke
through
!!!!***





But...

Lisanna,
you go on
ahead!!



Get
'em!!

There they
are!!! The
escapees!!!!



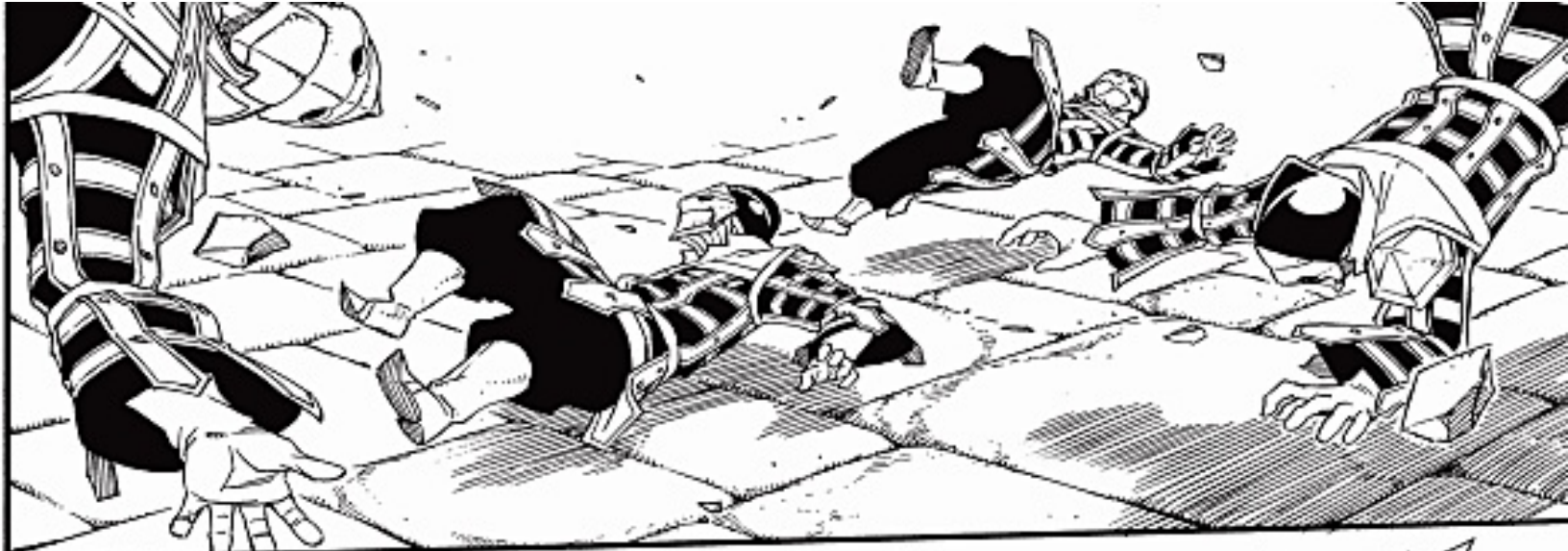
Right!

You find
Mira!!!!



DOGGOON

Hyaahh
!!!!

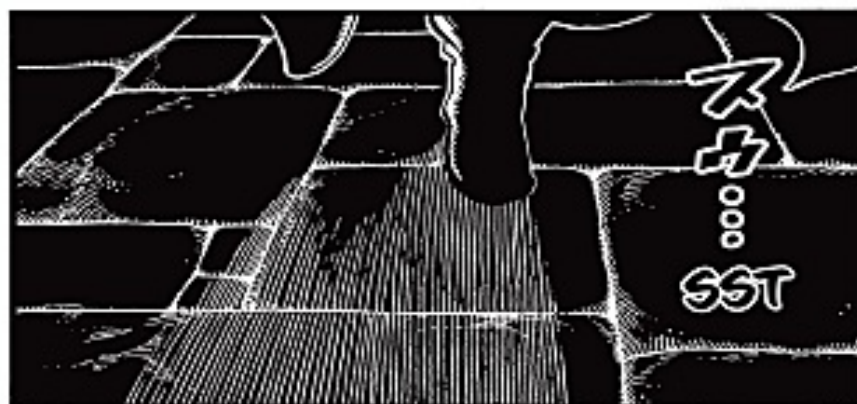


...when I
can use
magic!!!!

TUMP

That's
how it
goes...







**To
Tartaros, the
bookshelf of
Zeref.**

**The city
where my
books live.**

FAIRY TAIL



Quattro Cerberus

Name: All the other members

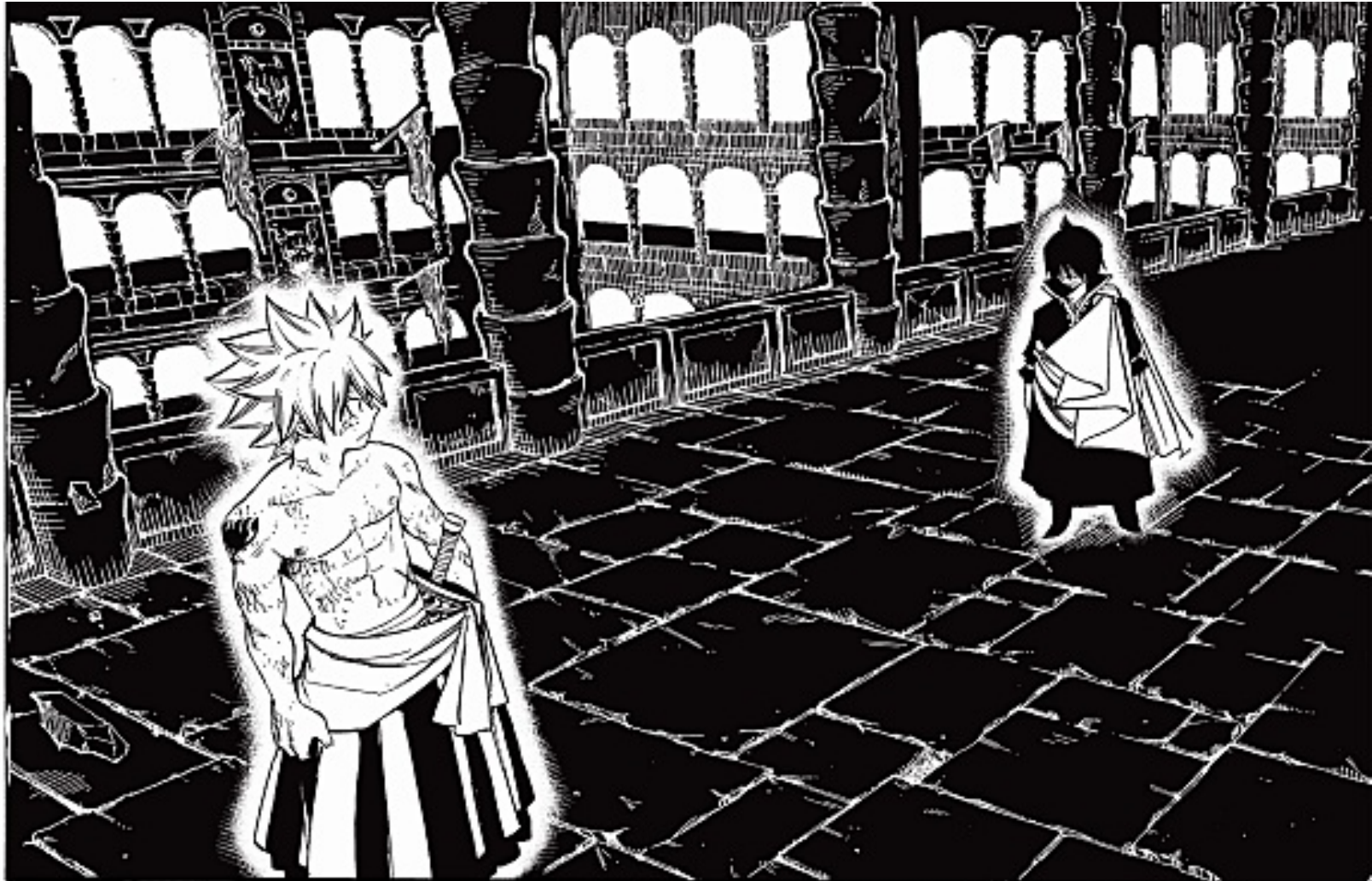
Magic: Stuff

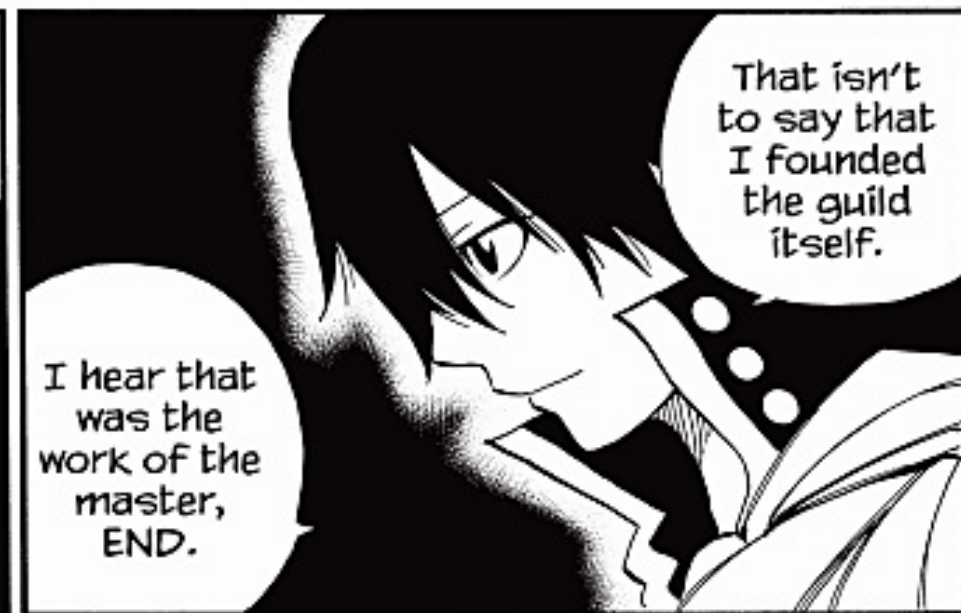
Likes: Other stuff

Dislikes:

Remarks

Nothing, really.







The one
he *could*
not kill. His
mistake.



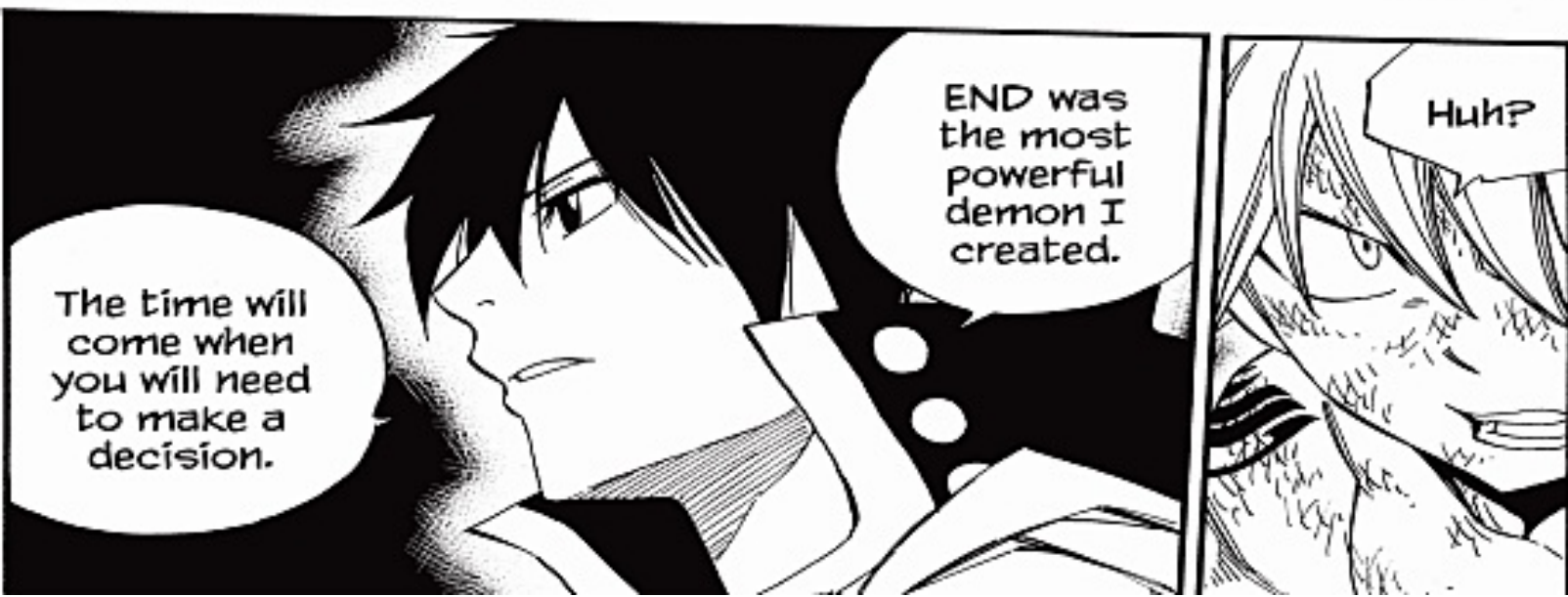
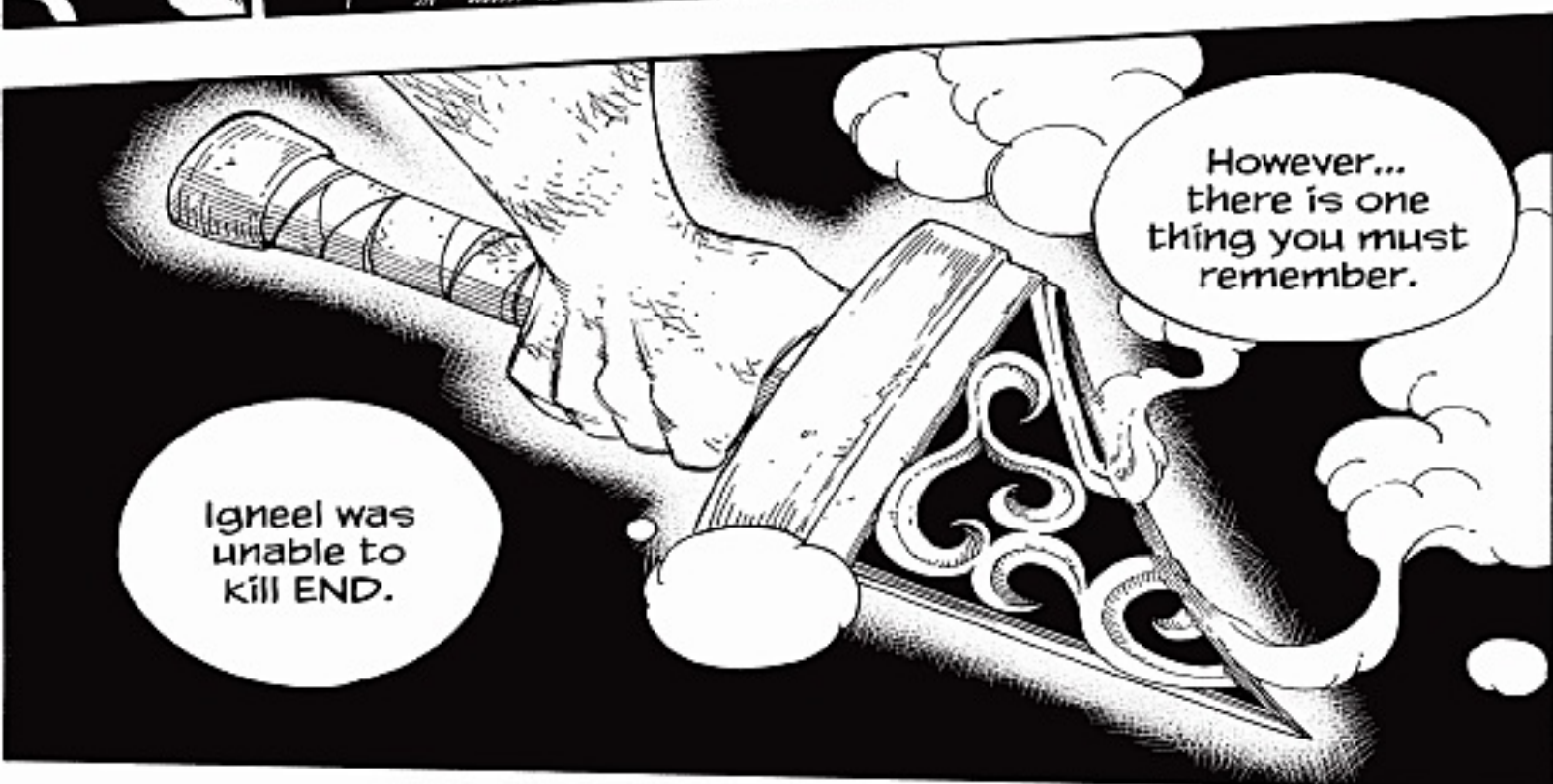
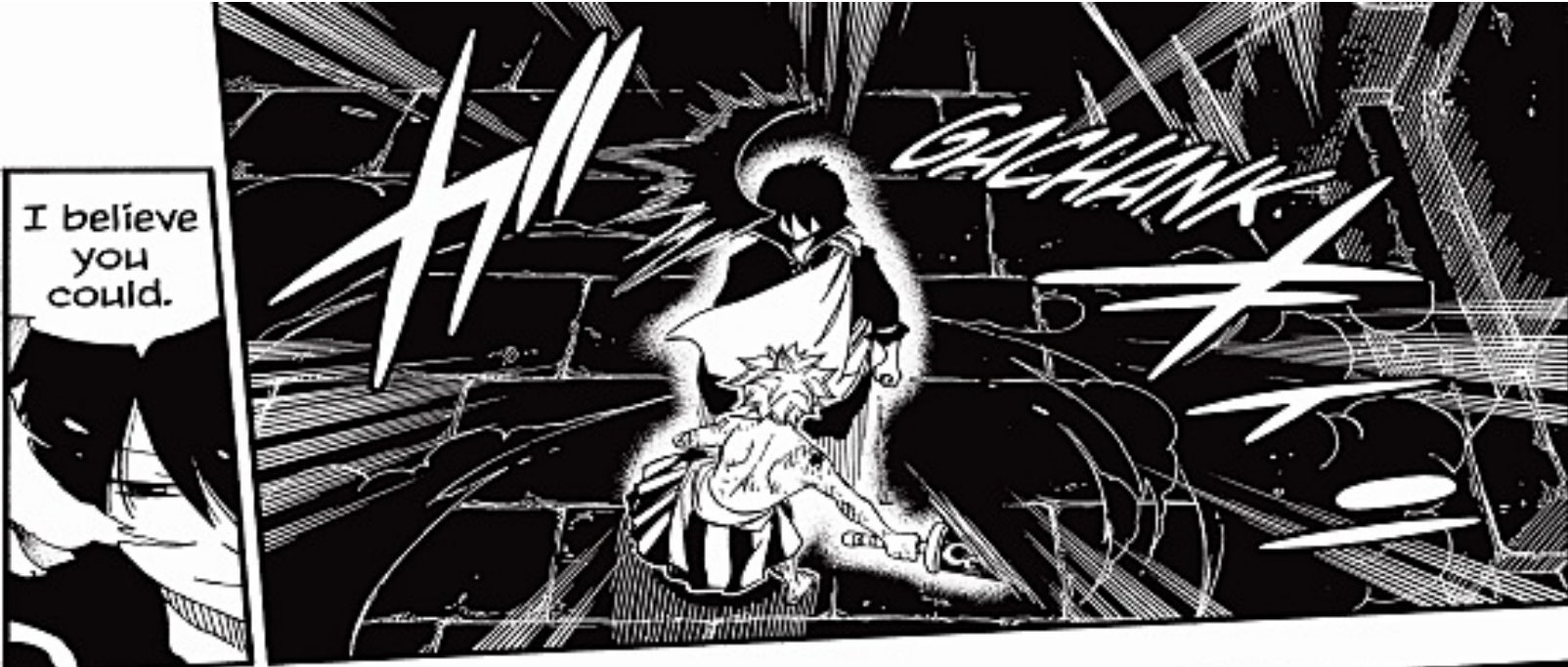
The one
Igneel tried
to kill?

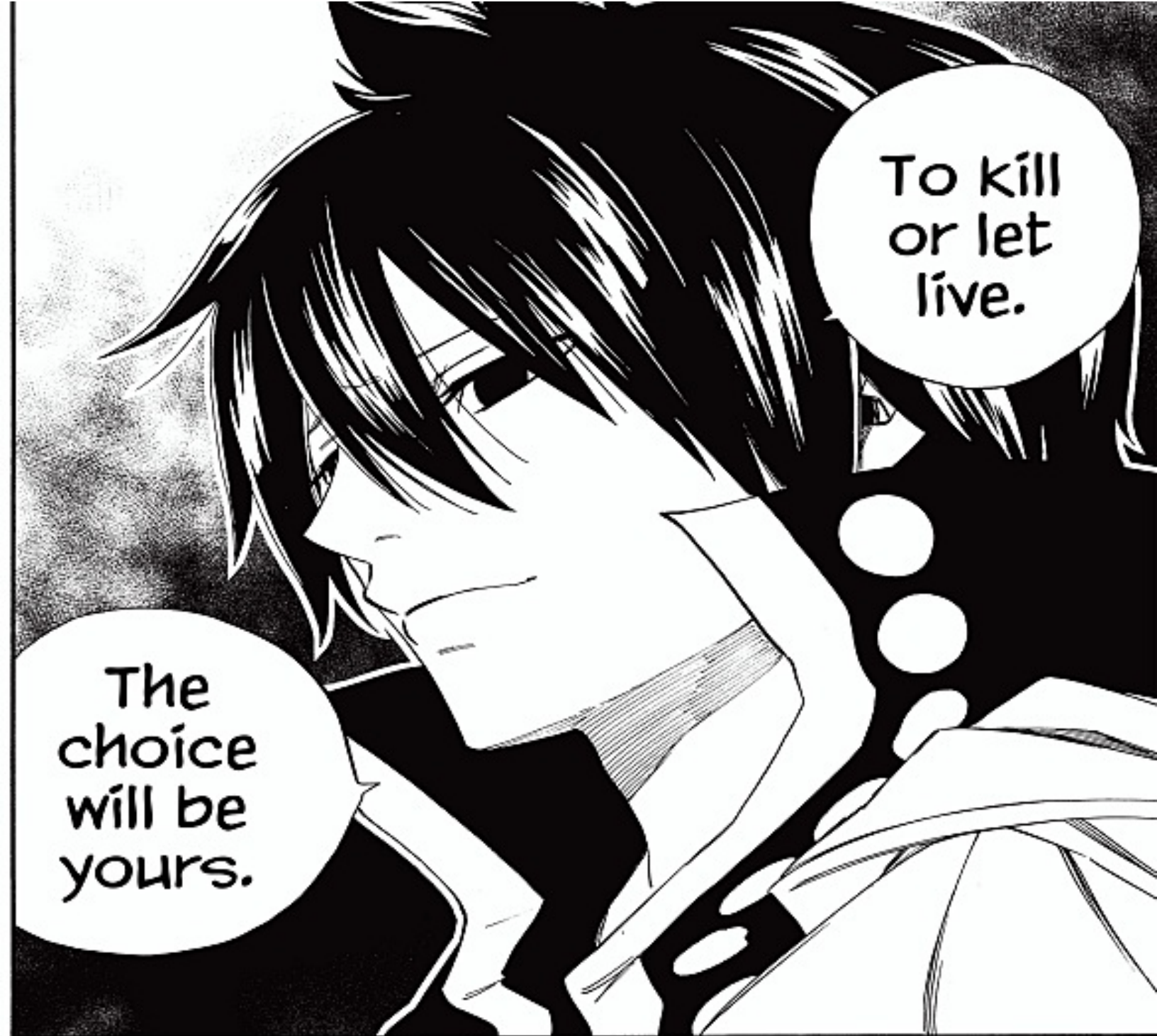


I'll finish
what
my dad
started!!!!

Then I'll
take it
down!!!!

CHANK







Wait!!
I don't
get it!!!

I'll take my
leave now.



It'd spoil it if I
just walked in
and said hi.

Tartaros is
doing all this
to meet me.



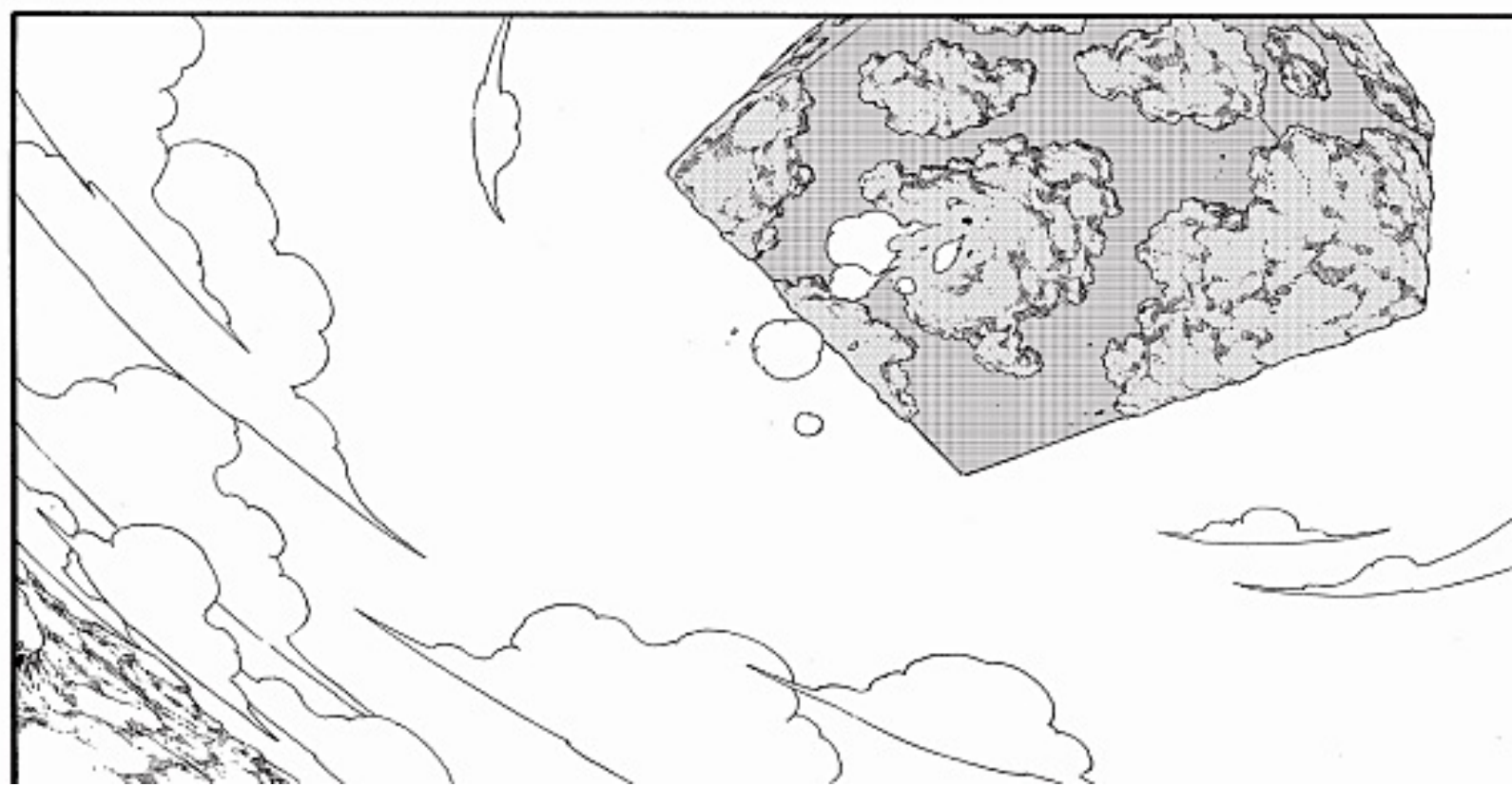
...will be
you or
END.

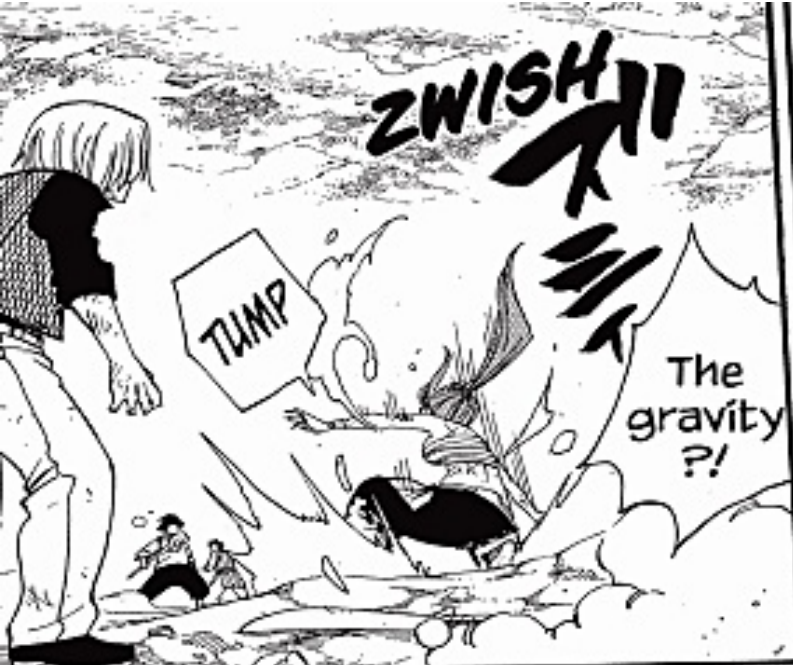
The one to
reach me...



!

I hope I'll
see *you*
again.





The gravity?
?!



You're
all
here!



You're
okay!!!

Erza!!!



Sorry, but
we don't
got time to
explain!

We're gonna
go through
that hole you
made, Erza!

Right
!!!!



What has
happened
to it?

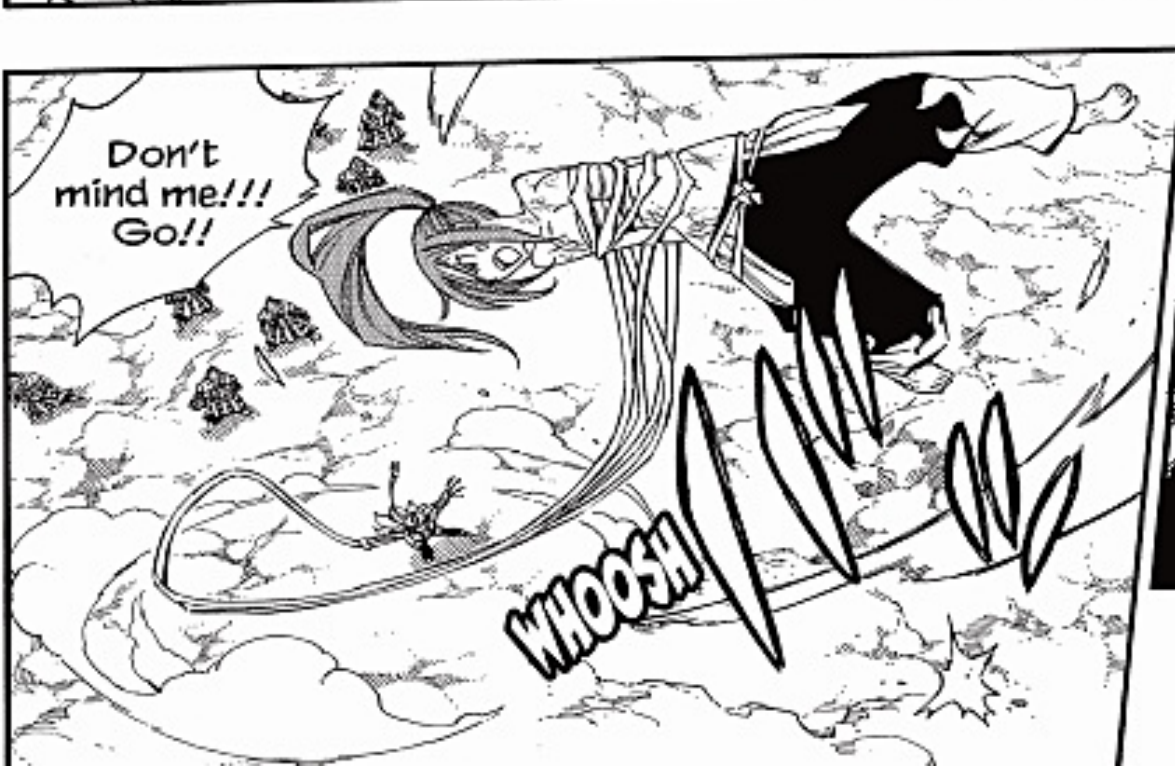
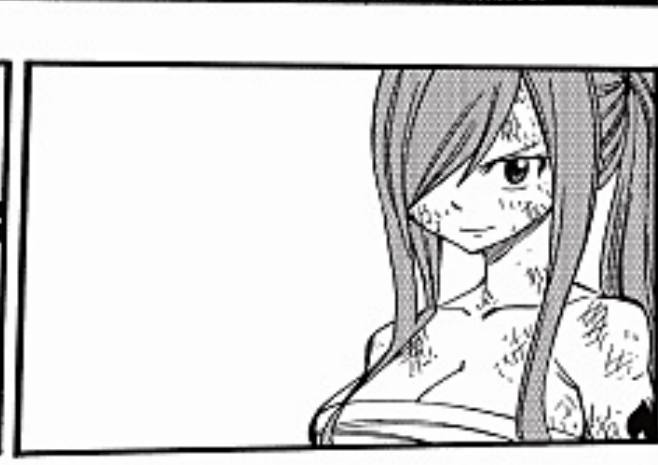


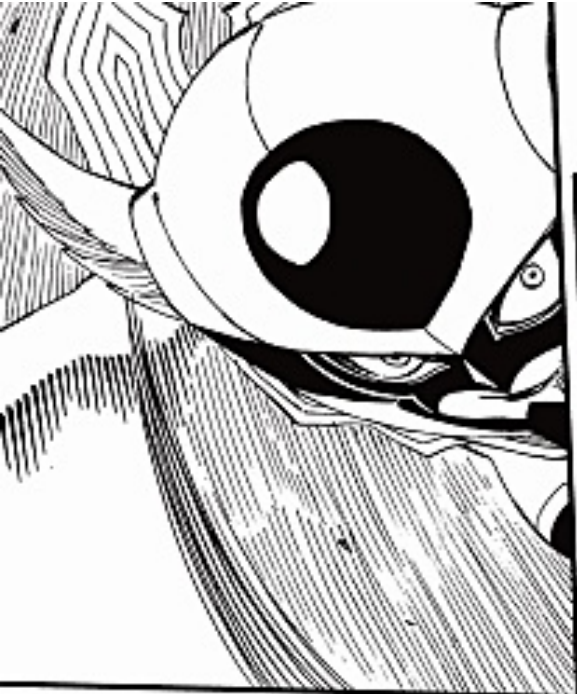
I'm
right
here.



We have to
find Mira
and Elfman...

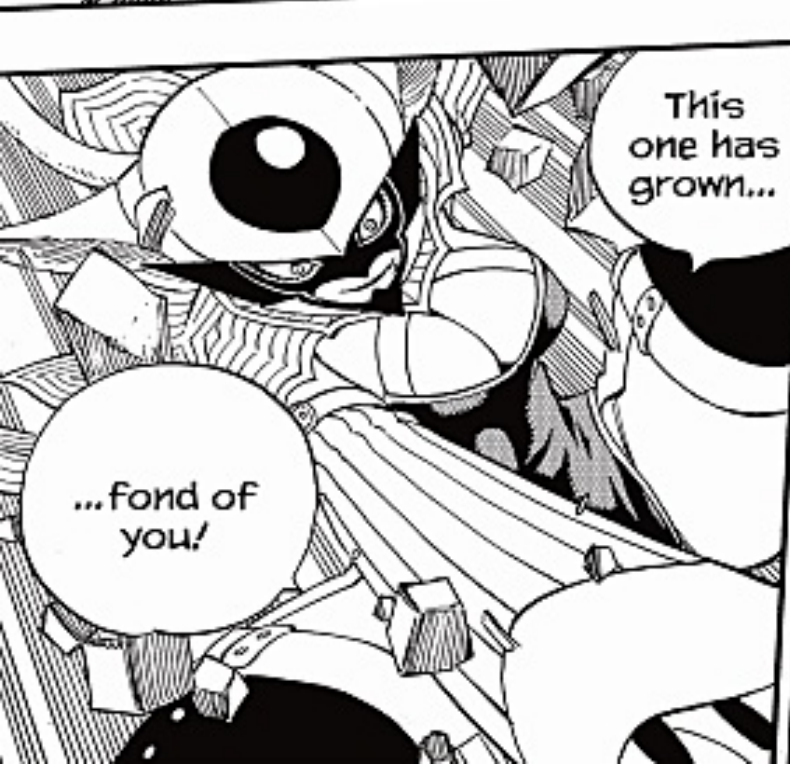
Natsu and
Lisanna are
both fine.





The
wards on
Face are
gone!!!!

We have
to find
a way to
stop it!!!

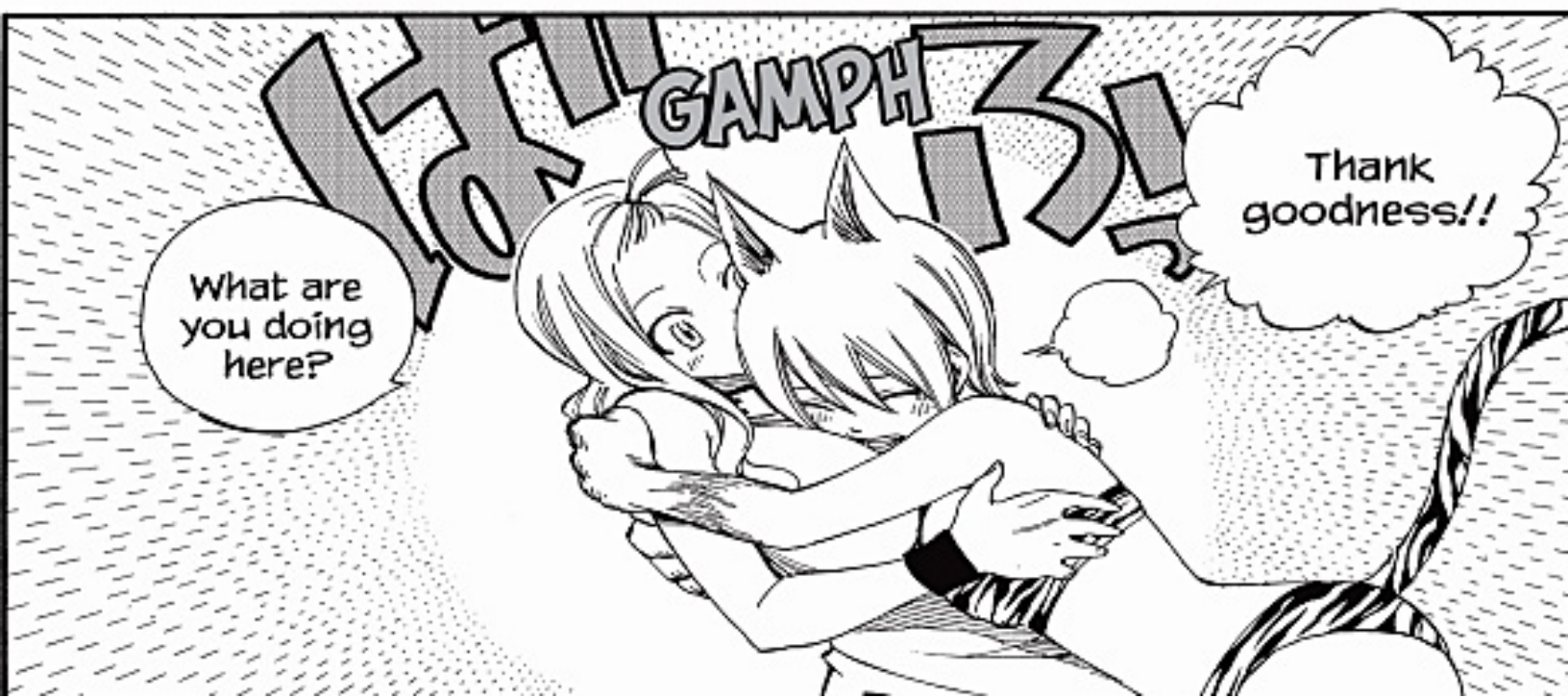
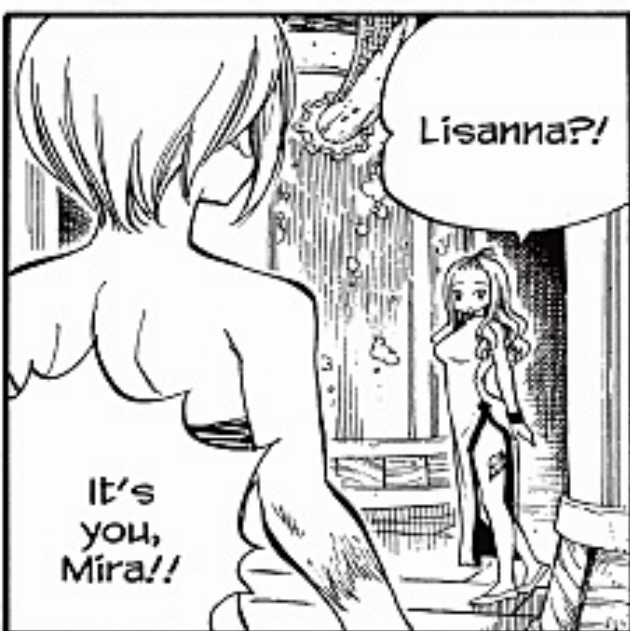
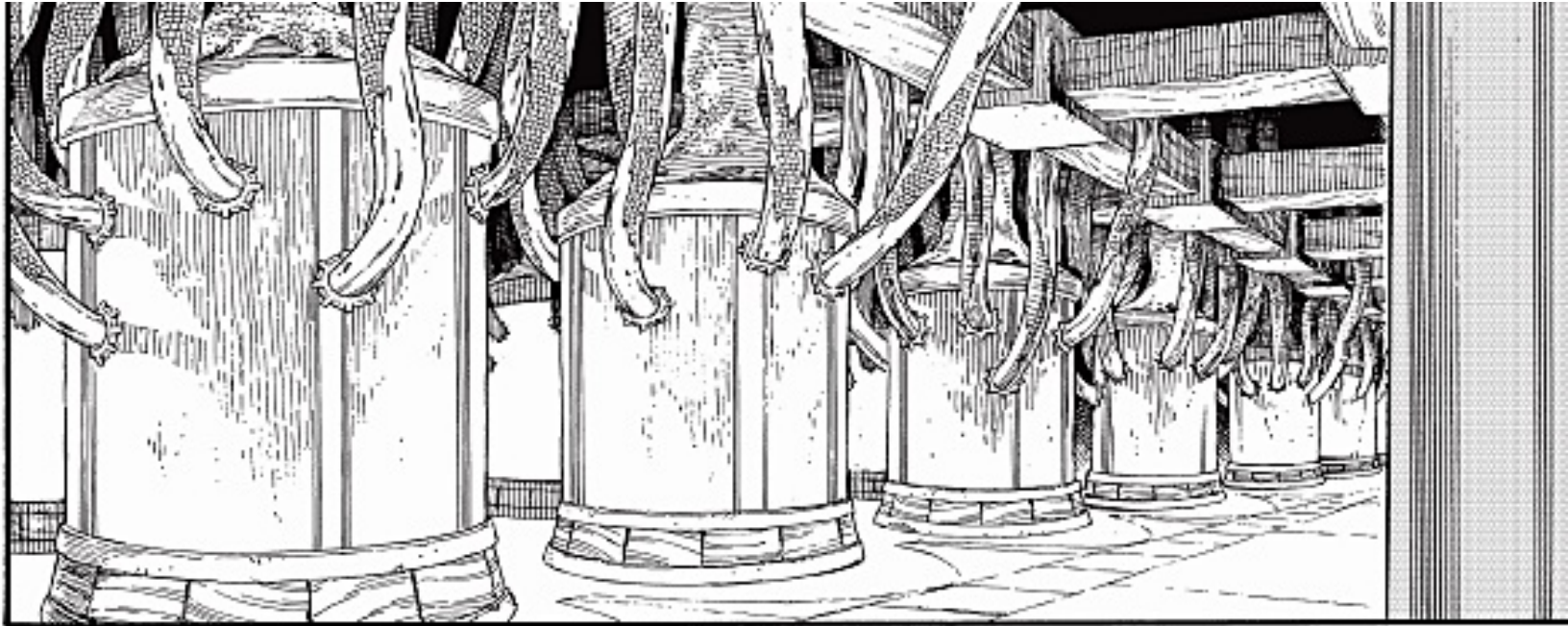


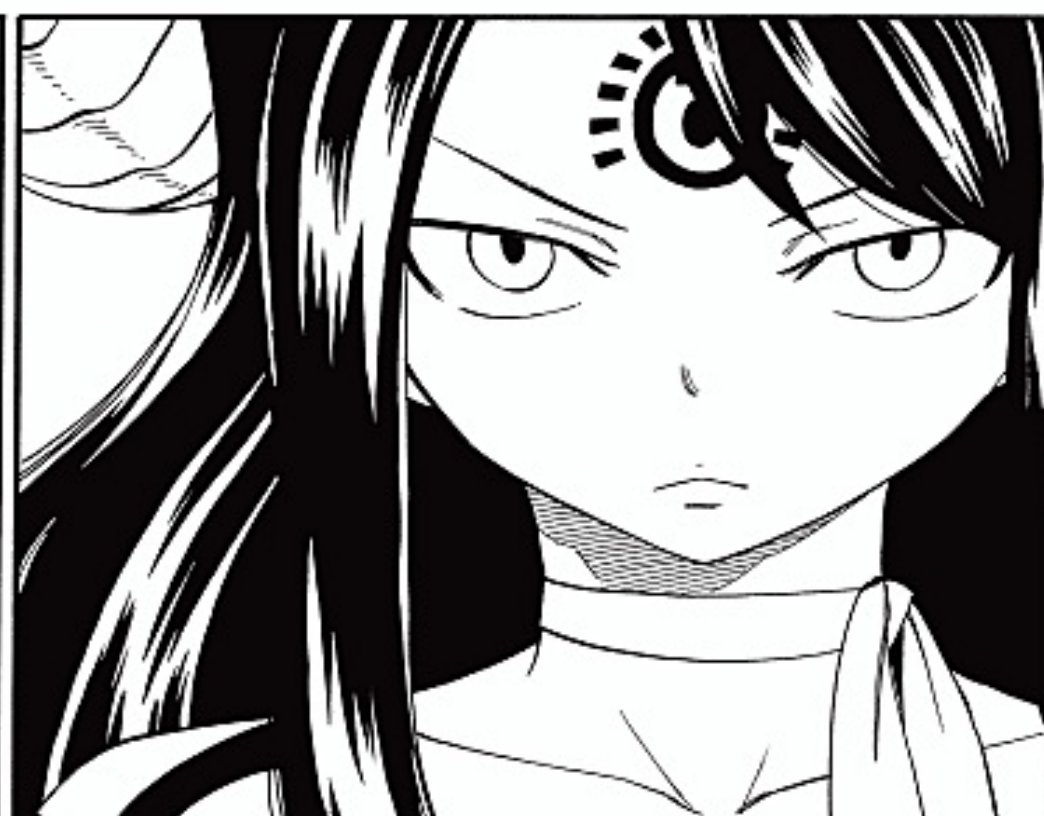
This
one has
grown...

...fond of
you!



I haven't
expressed
my gratitude
enough yet,
have I?



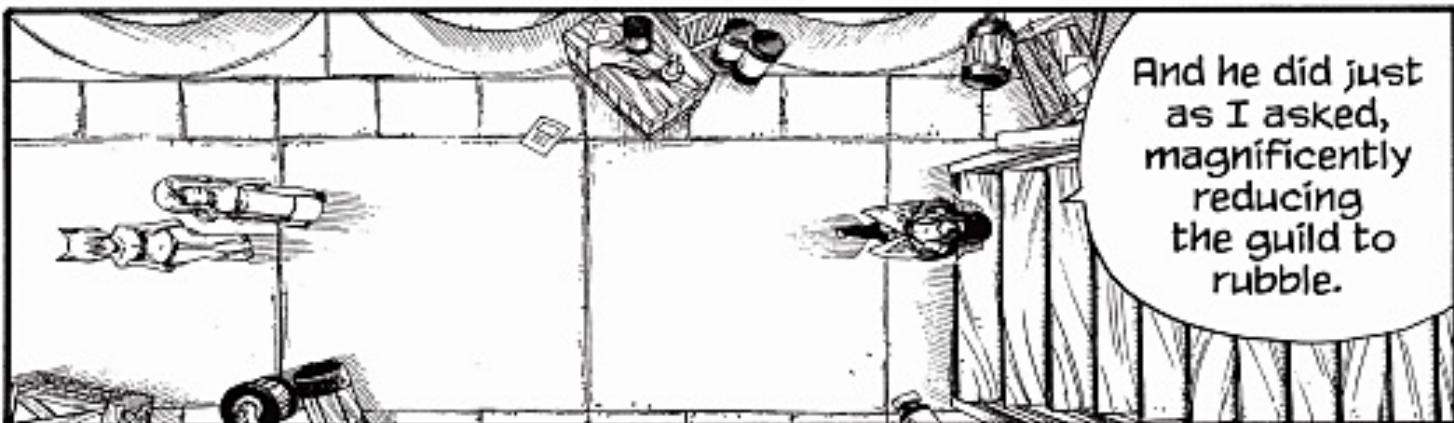




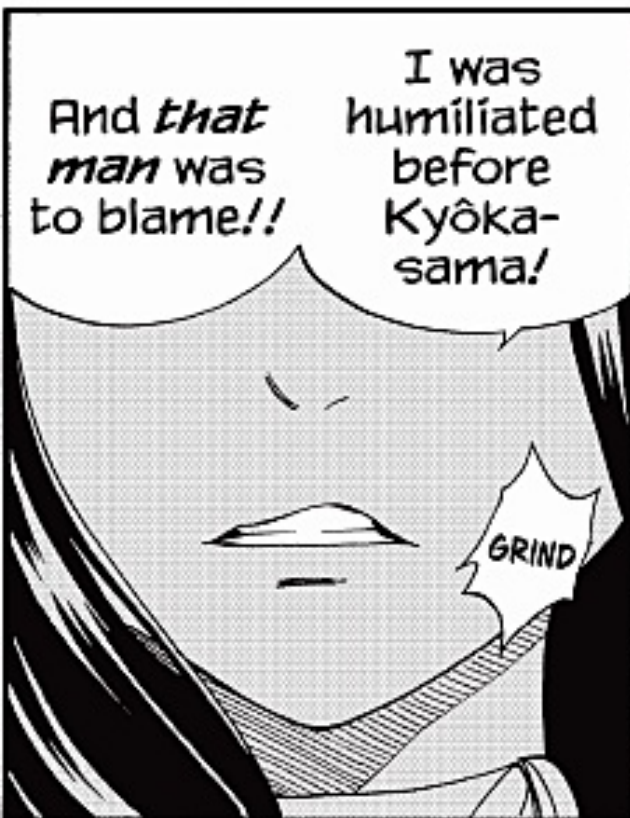
I directed the
one named
Elfman to
destroy your
guild.



Get back,
Lisanna!

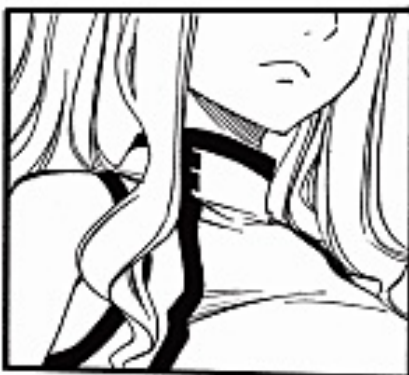


And he did just
as I asked,
magnificently
reducing
the guild to
rubble.



And *that*
man was
to blame!!

I was
humiliated
before
Kyôka-
sama!



However, I failed
to fulfill my
objective... Not
one wizard was
killed.



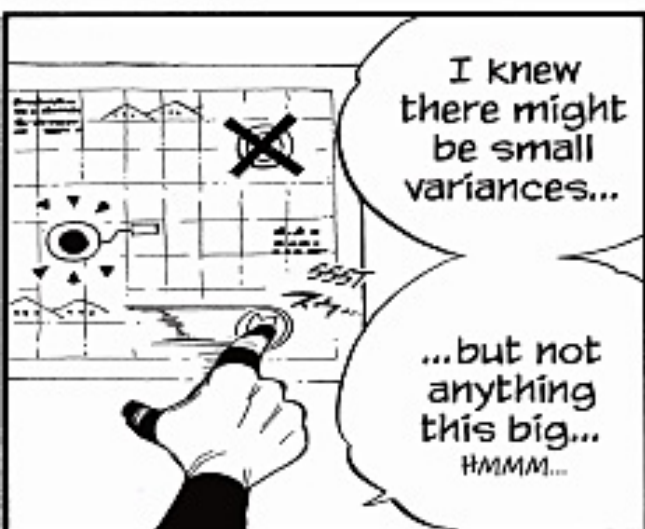
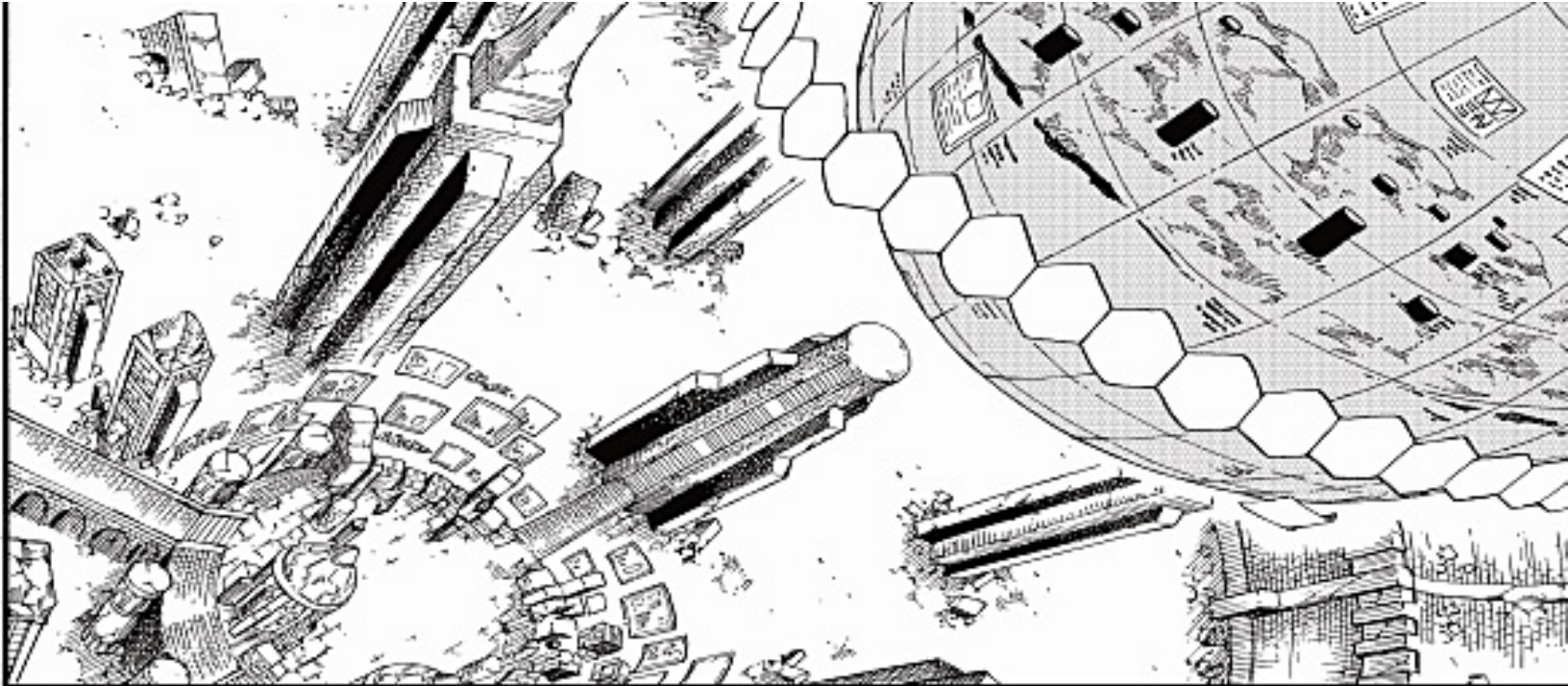
So
I will take
my vengeance
by killing his
elder sister!

My tale is
unraveling...



Is that
right?

You did
that
to my
brother?





Look at this!

How much have the guards let us down? How much?!

Ohh? They've made it this far already...?



Not possible... The controls are locked. We can't use them.

I wonder if we can use this magic pattern to put wards on it again?



Wh-What'll we do?

It looks like the wards on Face are gone, just like Erza said.



These numbers...



Ezel-san, you're quick!



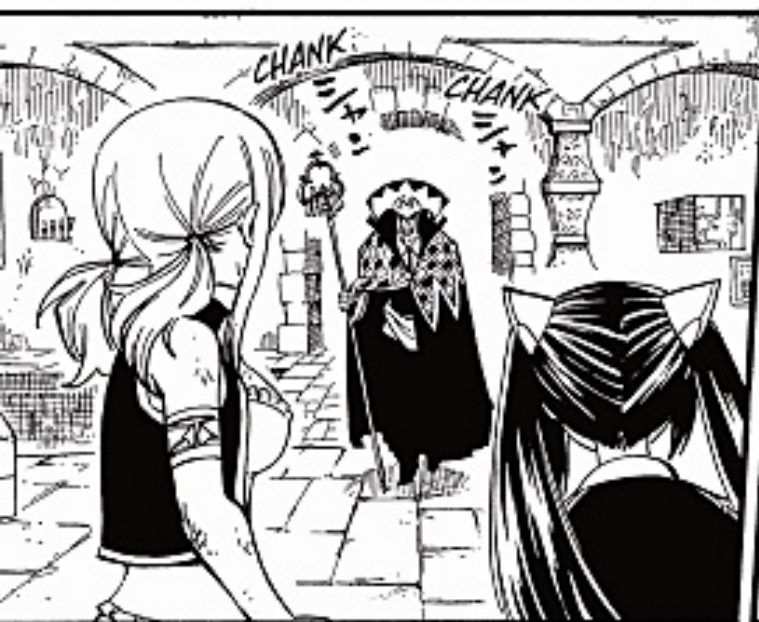
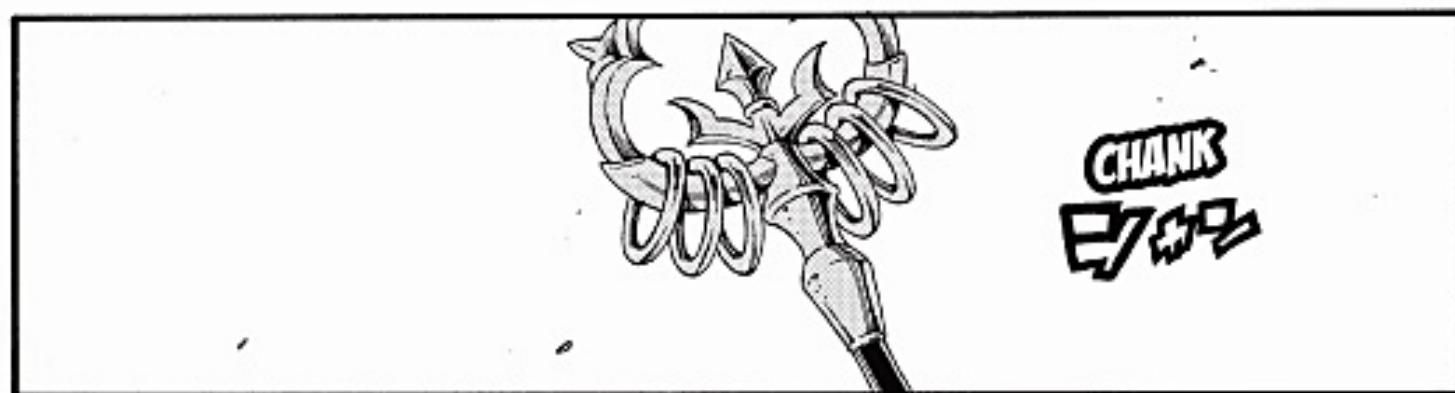
Wait, it's starting up?!!



...just manually, on site.

Huh? It says here that it can't be activated remotely...







FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 374: Revolution





40:31

40 minutes
left until Face
goes off

BEEP

GLANCE

40:31

Things will
get very
bad very
fast.

If we don't
stop Face
soon...

Right!

We don't
have time
for this!
Let's find an
opening and
run for it!

POP
POP

I'd say things
are *already* very
bad for you,
young ladies!
GEH HEH HEH
HEH

Open, Gate
of the Golden
Bovine Palace,
Gate of the
White Ram
Palace!!

Leave
them to
me!!!

CHANK

There
are two
now?!

I'll do
my best!
Sorry!

**ARIES
!!!!**

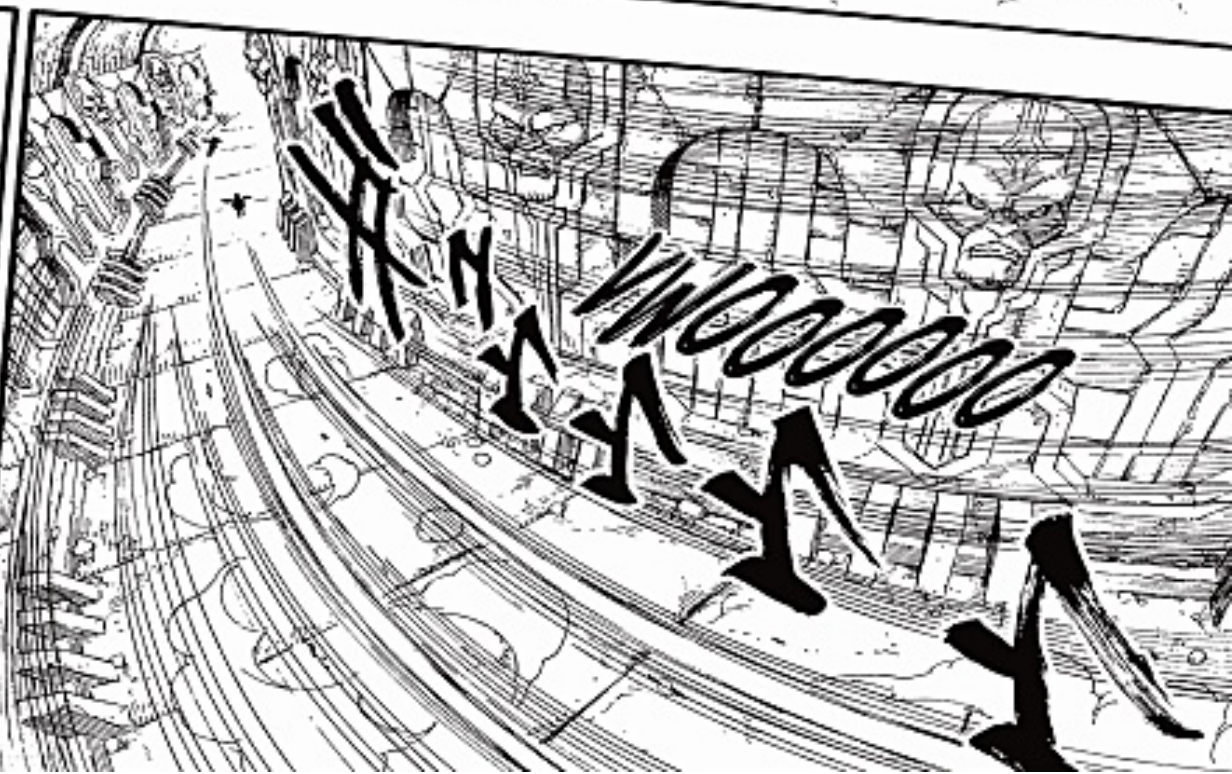
JIGGLE

**TAURUS
!!!!**

It's my
turn to
moove!!

!!







No... He should
still be in that
control room
back there!!

Maybe he
found a way
to cut us
off!



We're
gonna blow
past him,
Happy!!!!

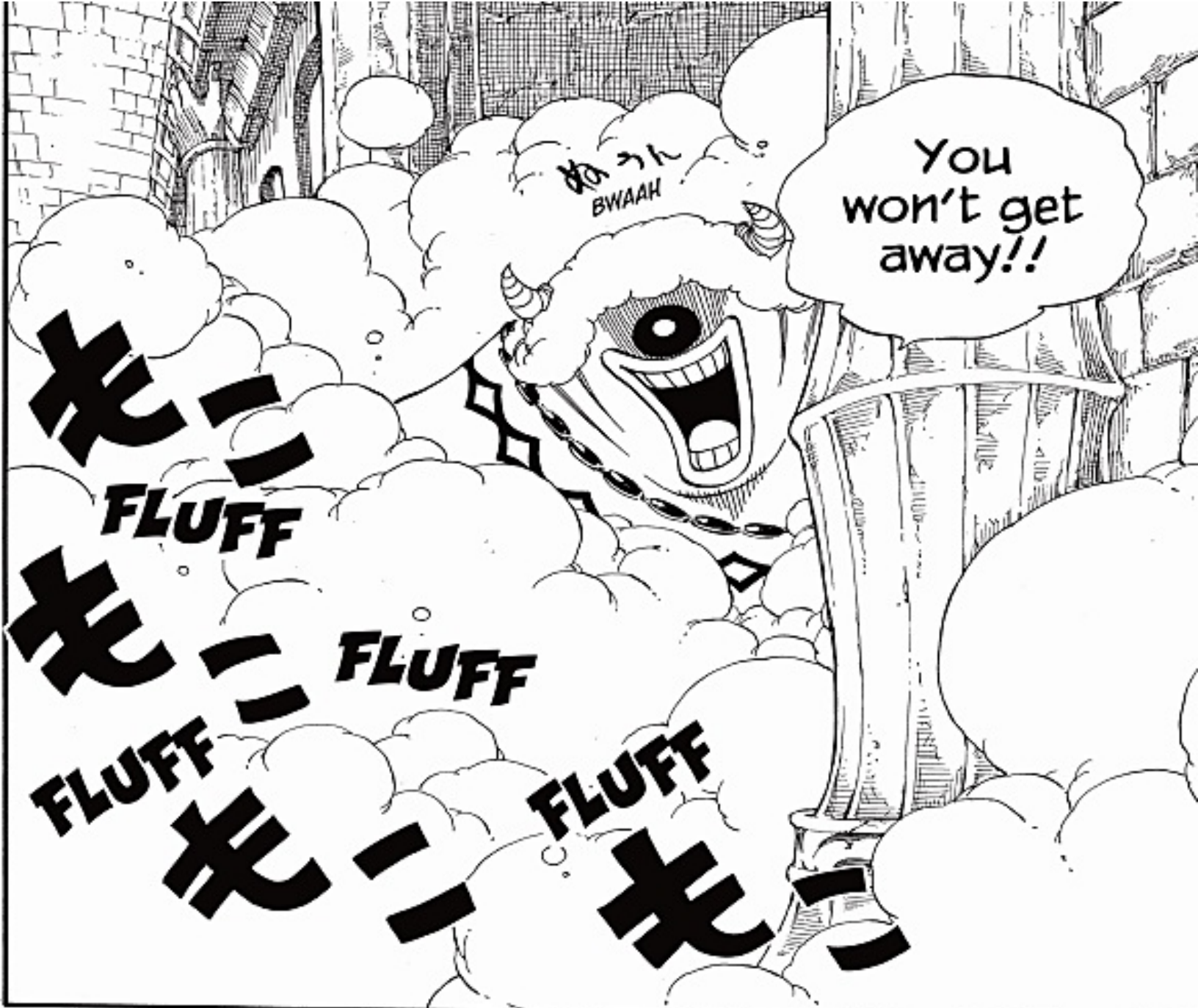
Rye,
Sir!!!



...the
star of
destruc-
tion's...

Regard...





FLUFFFLUFF
毛 毛 毛

FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF

Wendy,
there's no
time!!!!
Go!!!!

Carla, be
careful!!!!

FWOOMPH

Didn't I say
you weren't
getting
away?!!!

Right
!!!!

!!



We meet
again, you
one-eyed
creep!!!!

Natsu
!!!!

Natsu Natsu
!!

He always
comes in and
steals the
scene!

You...
?!!

Face is about
to go off!!!
We can't stop
it from here,
so she has to
go find it!!

Wait, why
are you
guys
here...?

Where's
Wendy going
in such a
hurry?

Thank you,
Natsu-
san!!

They'll be
fine with
Natsu
there!

!!

AAAA
AAAA
ARRGH
!!

But we gotta
rescue Mira
and...

Wha-
?!!!

I know!!
We'll have to
leave Face to
Wendy!!





I get nutrition from the souls I absorb, and I can use them to *evolve* using my Revolution!!

Geh heh heh!

I can tell humans from mice, you know! I called them mice because they were sneaking around!

And Carla's a cat. She isn't a mouse either.

I already said I know that!!

You're so stupid! Wendy isn't a mouse!

How much will you pay for letting those mice scurry away? How much?!

I know that

Ooo!!!

BWAH

Never!! How much is my precious collection worth? How much?!

Give me back Taurus and Aries!!



I'll punch
those souls
out of
you!!!!

**You
mousey
jerk!!!!**

You're
using it
wrong!!



Aries
!!



毛ニ FLUFF

Natsu-
san!



!! BWAHHH



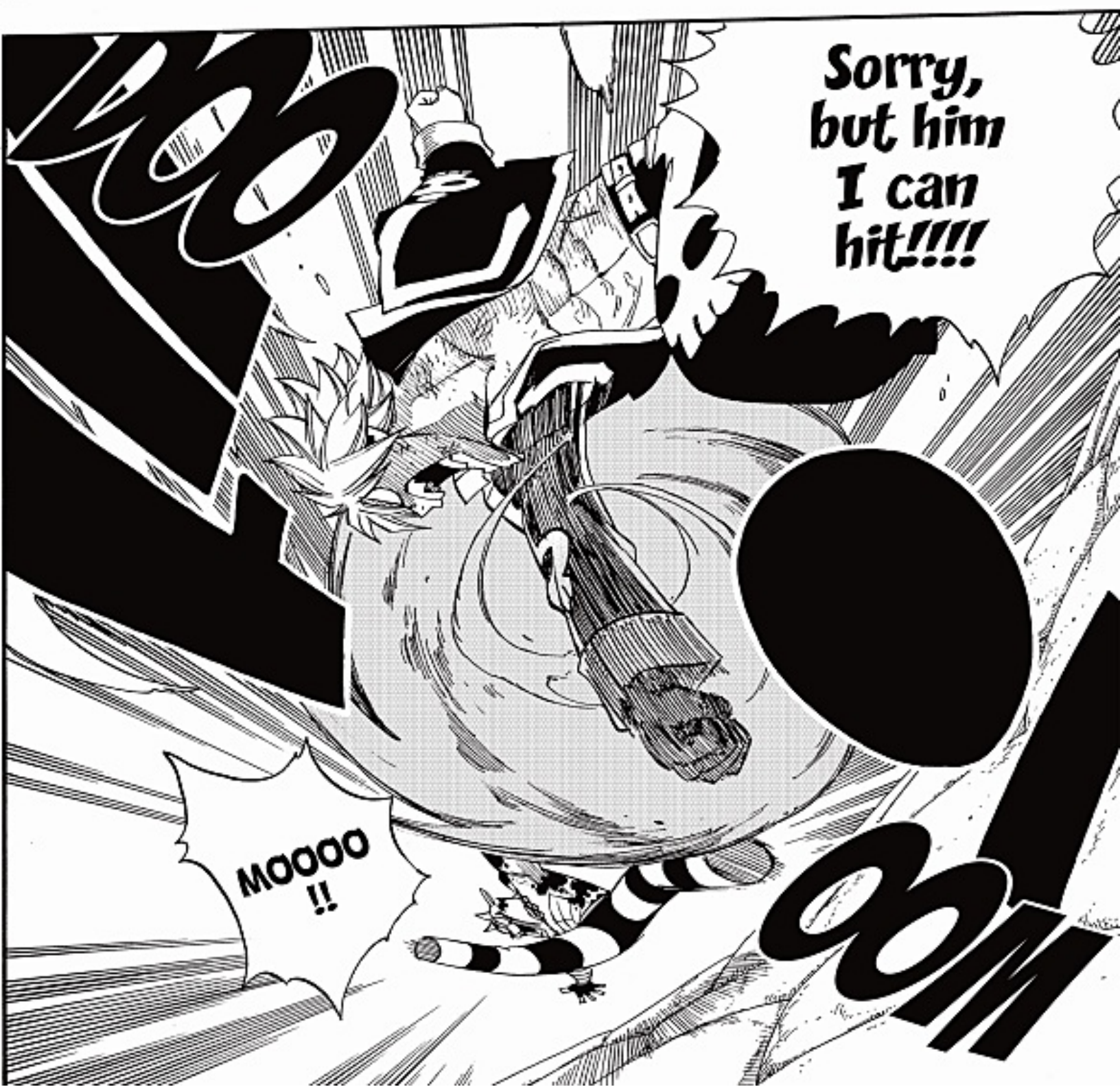


Taurus
?!



MOOFF
MOIFF

Stop,
please,
Natsu-
san!!!!

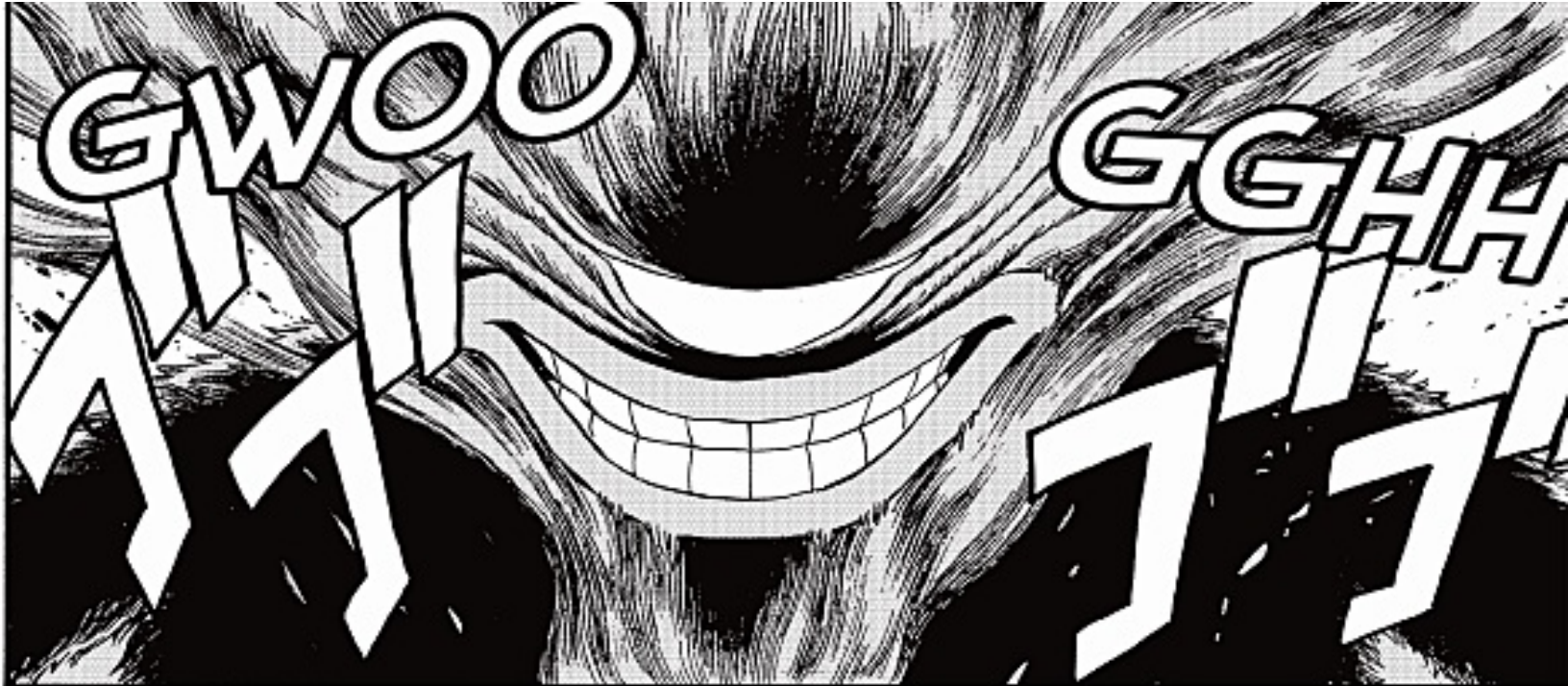


Sorry,
but him
I can
hit!!!!

MOOOO
!!

MO



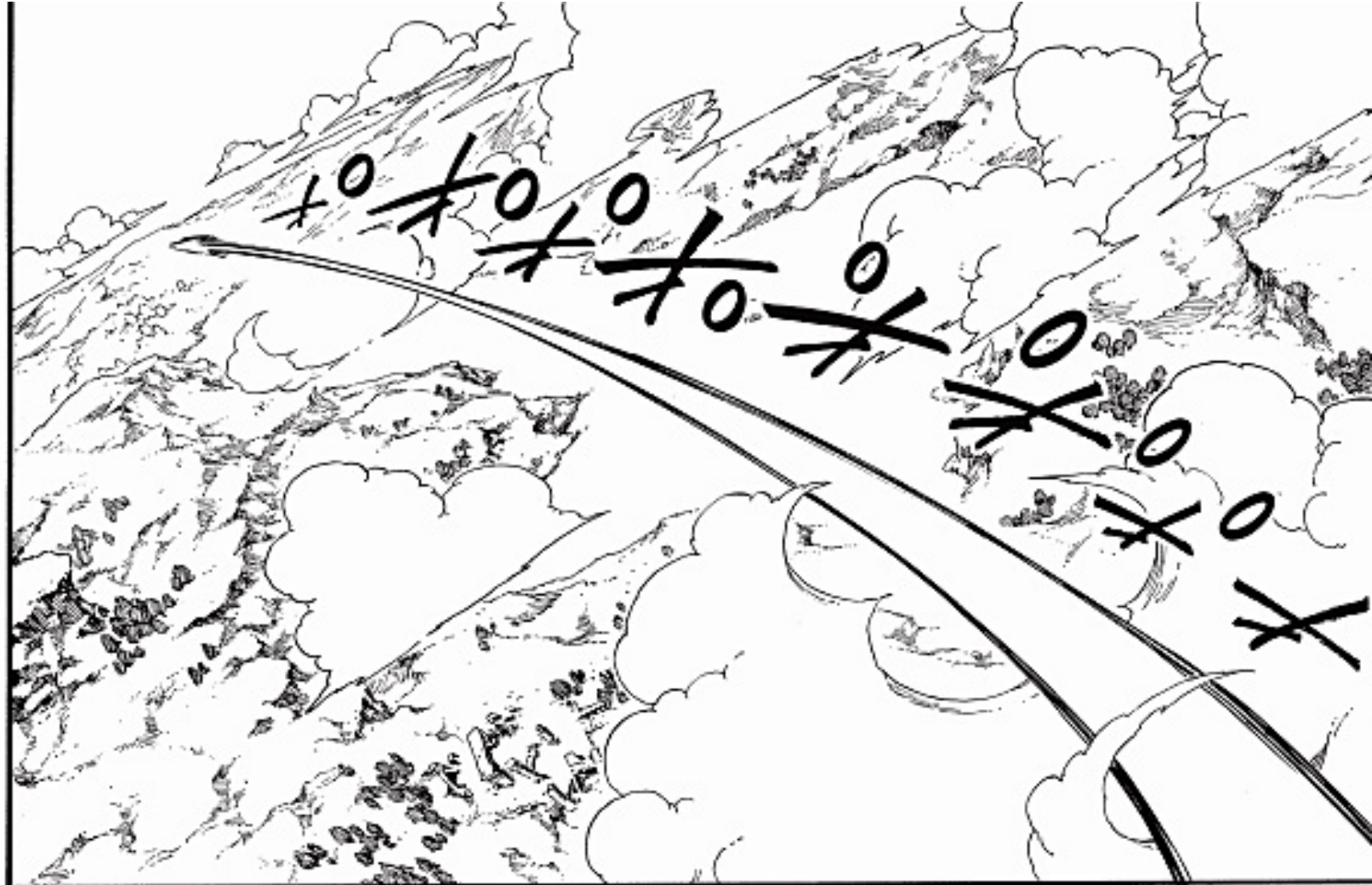


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 375: Herculean Madness





I know!!
But one
thing...

How are we
supposed to
shut down
Face?

We've got
to hurry,
Carla!!
Faster!!



If
Natsu-san
were here,
he'd find a
way!!

I don't
know...

...but
we have
to!



GEH HEH HEH HEH

**Master
Hades?!!!**

*Wait, this
is kinda
weird!!!!*

BOMM



When he was the master of Grimoire Heart, it was the strongest dark guild in the world!!

He was a genius wizard who delved too deep into the darkness!!!

Who cares what it looks like?!!
It's Hades!!!
You're all afraid of Hades, right?!!

The body is totally bizarre!!!!

Not especially...

He was the closest to a demon that a human can be, so how much is his magic worth? How much?!

I discovered his body by accident when I was pursuing Zeref seven years ago!

WHA?

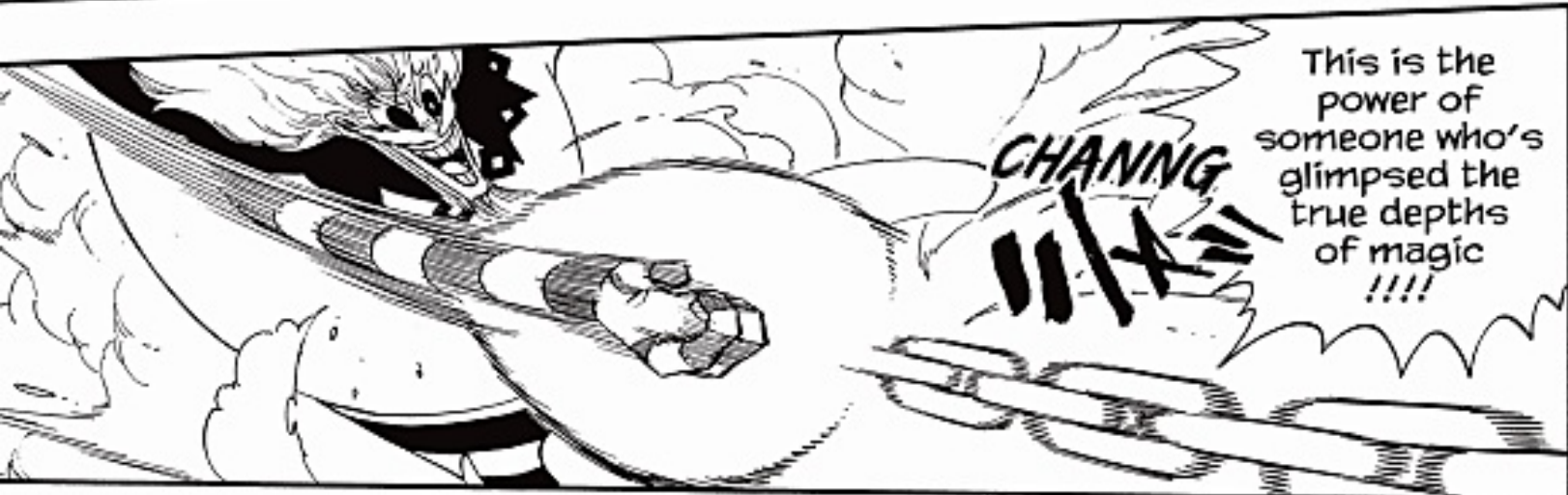
ZHOOM

When he went up against me, he got beat!

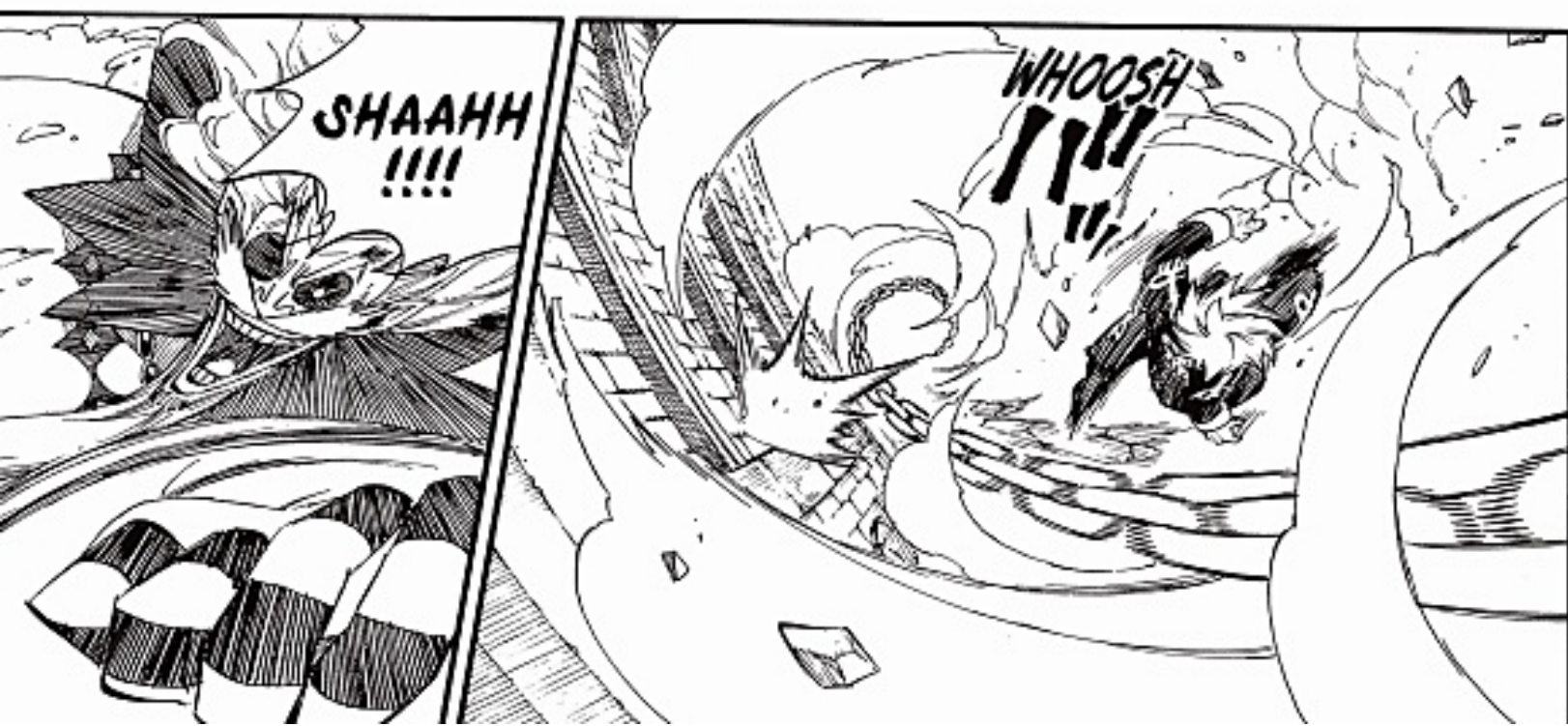






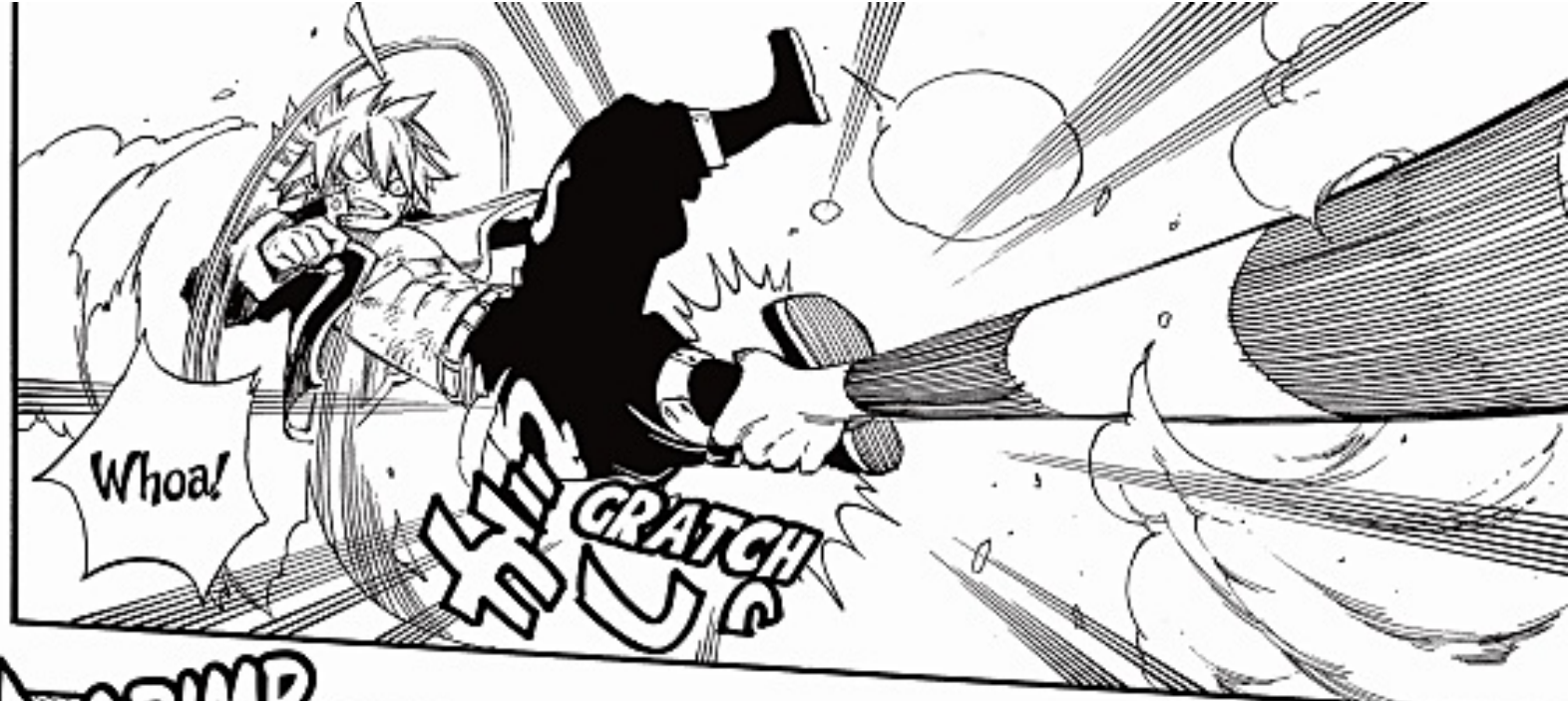


This is the
power of
someone who's
glimpsed the
true depths
of magic
!!!!



SHAAHH
!!!!

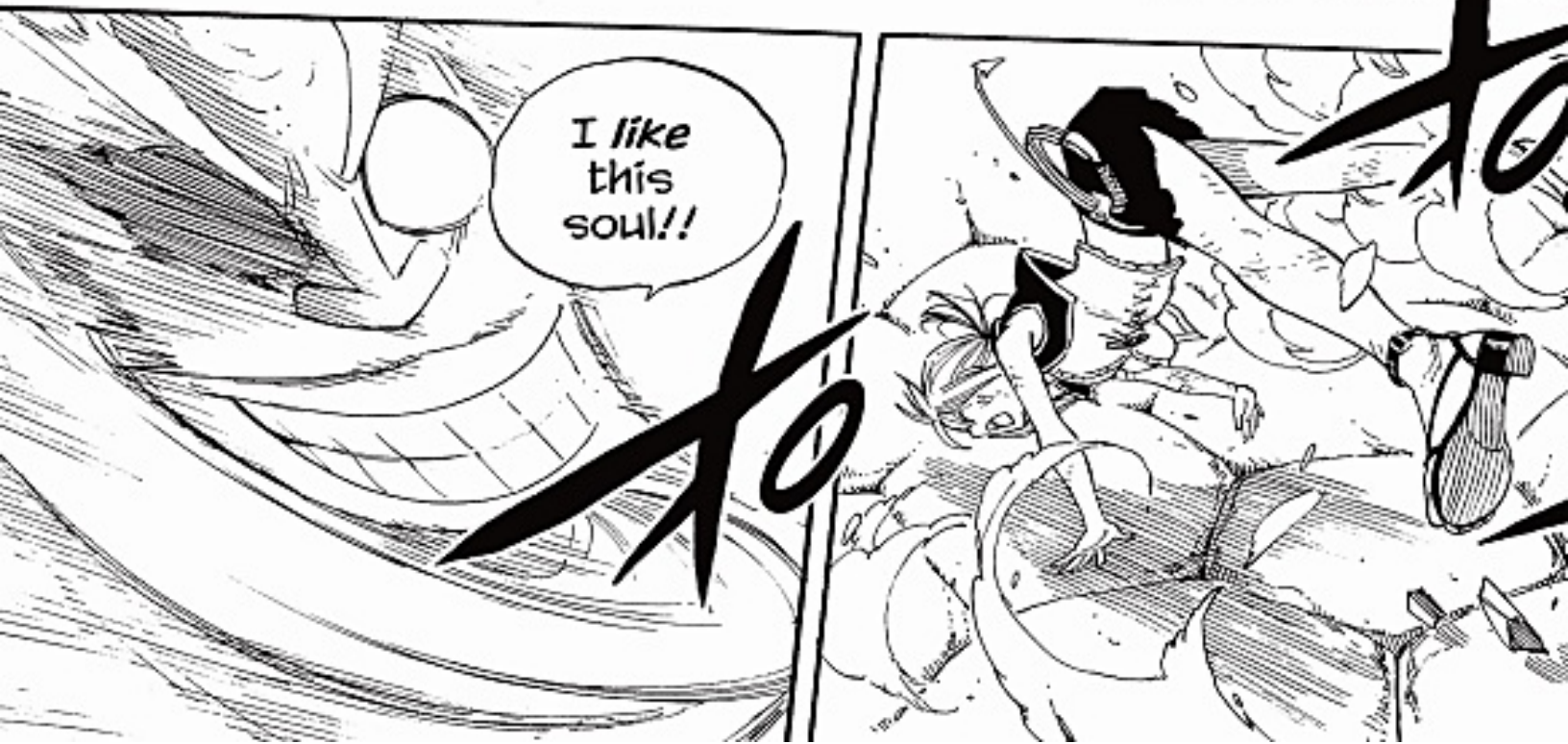
WHOOSH
!!!





*Lightning Fire Dragon's











We are
demons of
the Book
of Zeref!!



But I hope
you don't
expect to
defeat us all
so easily.

It was you,
right? The
one who took
down Jackal?

He
can *do*
that...?!!









I think
I used
too much
magic...

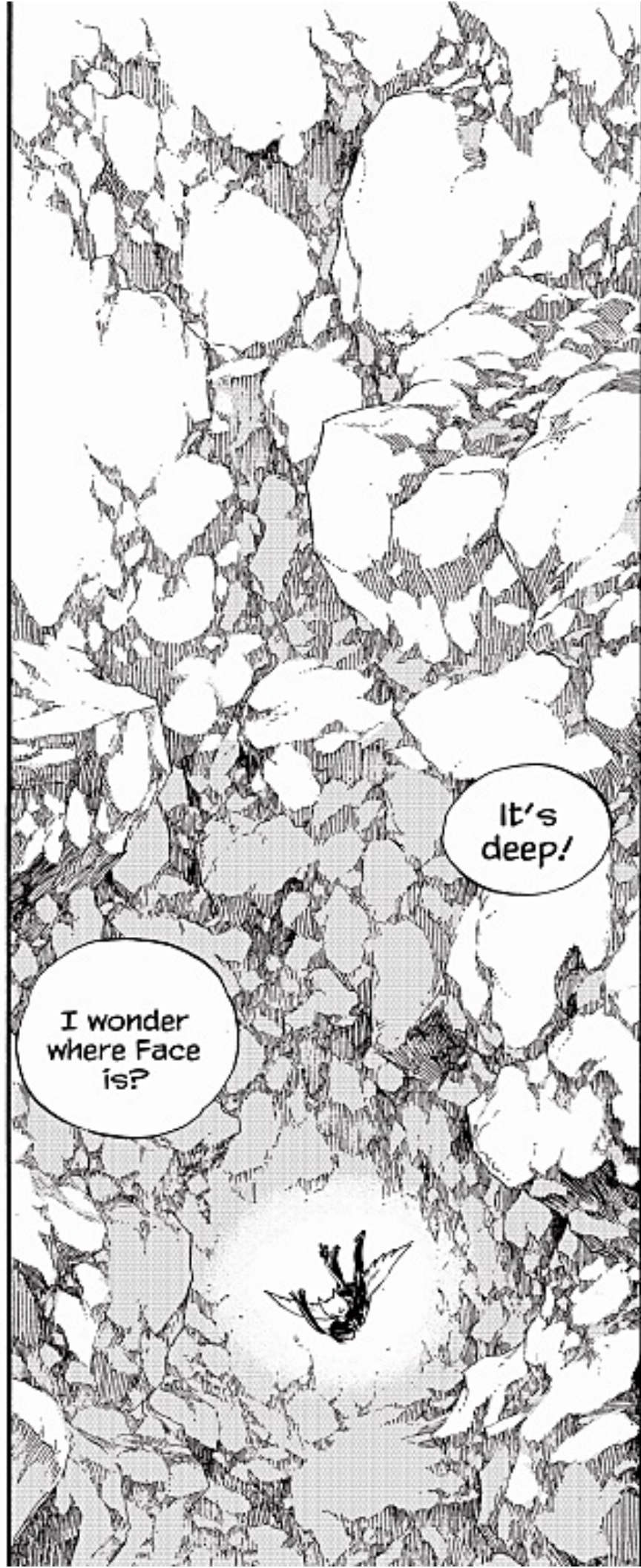
I'm
sorry,
Wendy...

It's
all right.
Thank
you!



There's
a tunnel
leading
in!

Let's
go!



It's
deep!

I wonder
where Face
is?



FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 376 Wendy vs. Ezel

The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

PART 2

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Gunma Prefecture, Orange Jelly



▲ Whoa!
Cute! I'm kinda digging
Erza here!

▼ The Tartaros arc is really heating up!! Who will play the next big part?



Aichi Prefecture, Mayu Matsunaga

▼ This is the volume where Wendy really shows her stuff!!



Ibaraki Prefecture, Sayaka Kimura

Tokyo, I'm Black Butler!



▲ Really cute! Sometimes drawing it square-ish is kinda nice!

REJECTION CORNER

Whoa!! This guy is way over-reacting, but... he's right. The world needs rejections too.



Kyoto, Kobane Asano



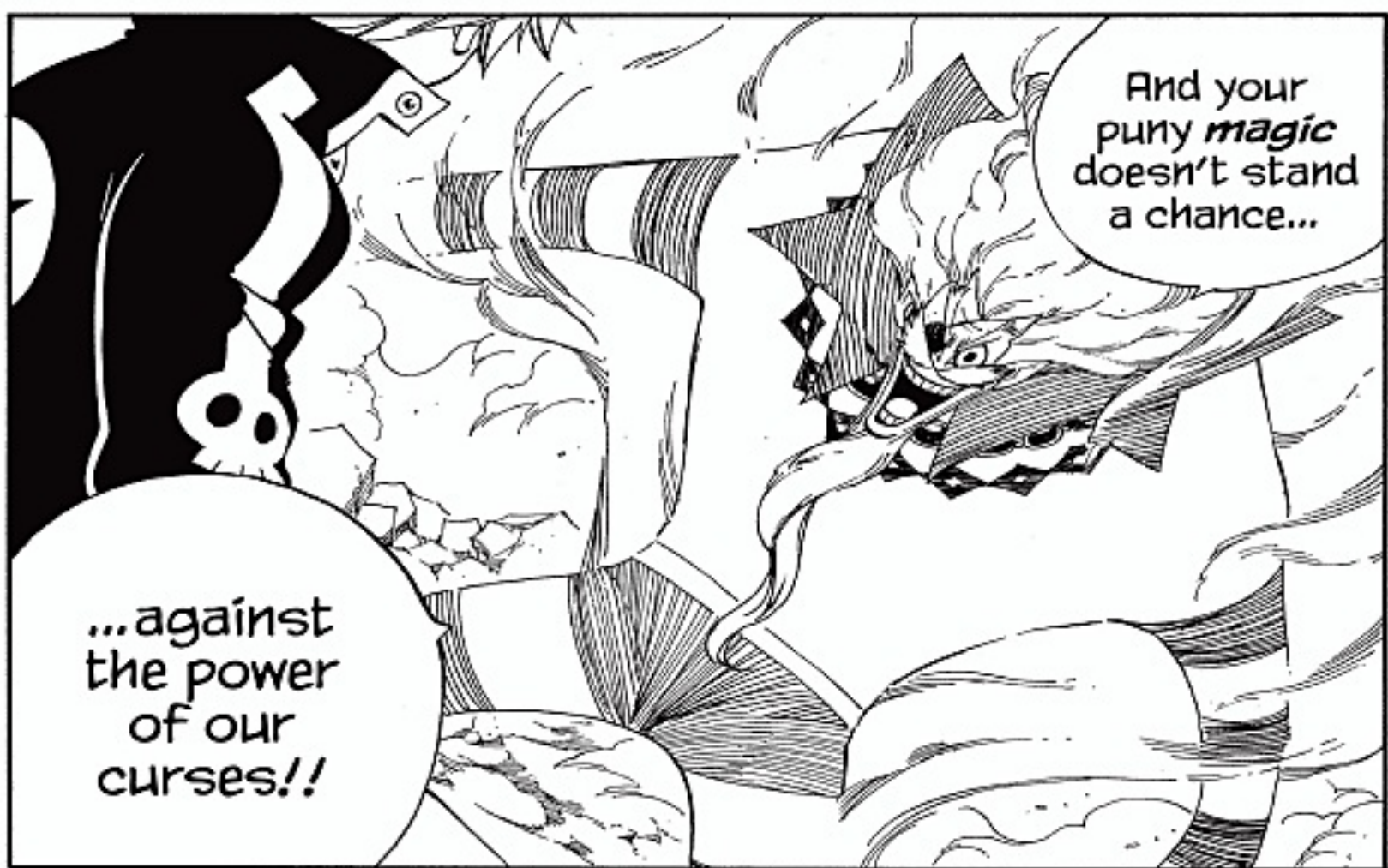
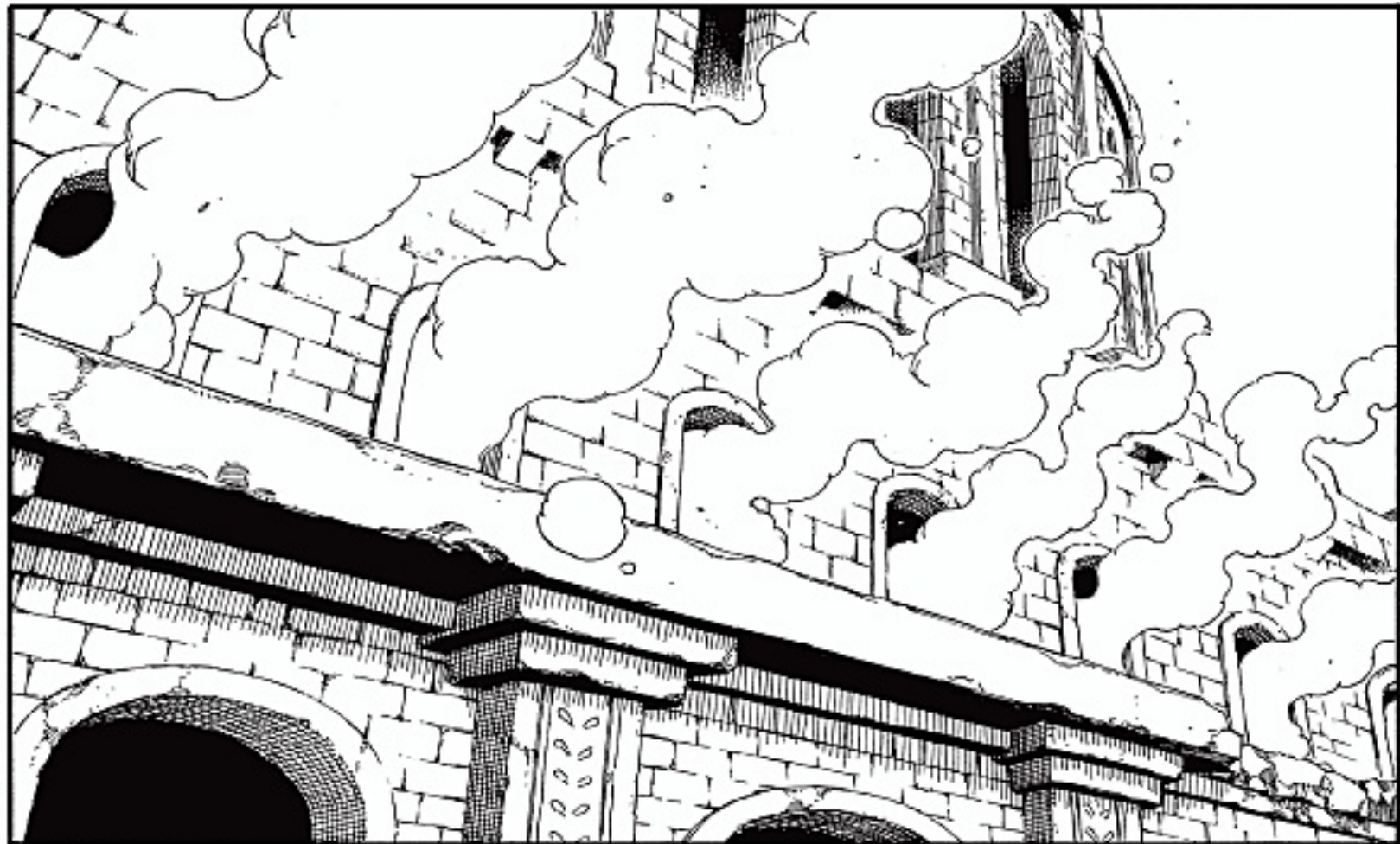
▲ Hey, a Rave/Fairy Tail collaboration! Brings back memories! Thank you!!

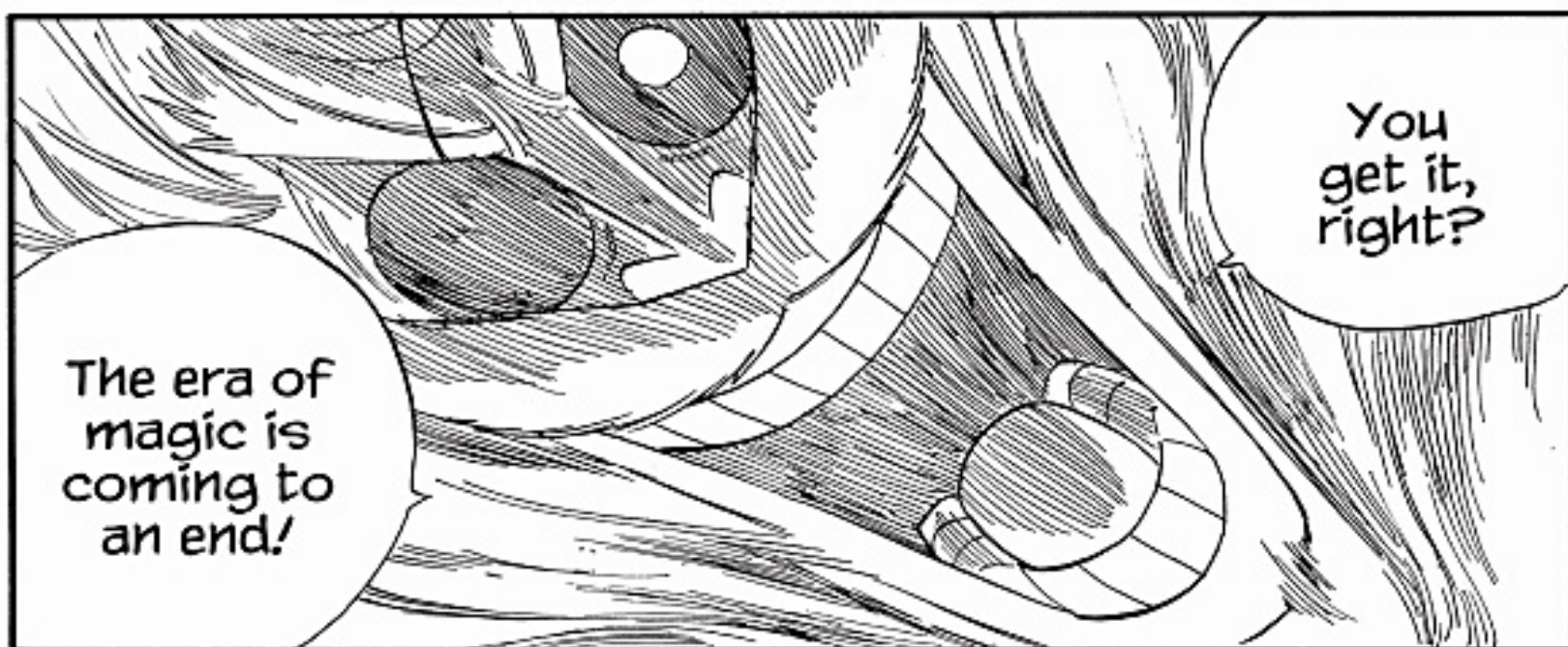
Hokkaido, Seiji Yokoi



▲ If you're a Mavis fan, you should check out Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine!!

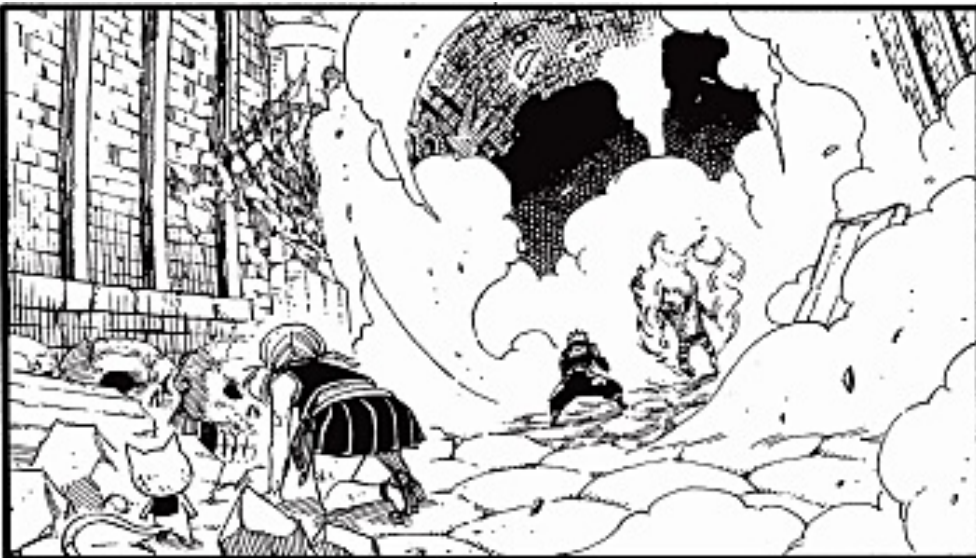
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I can hardly believe it...

All the magic is going to disappear from the entire continent...



The whole guild is battling Tartaros right now...

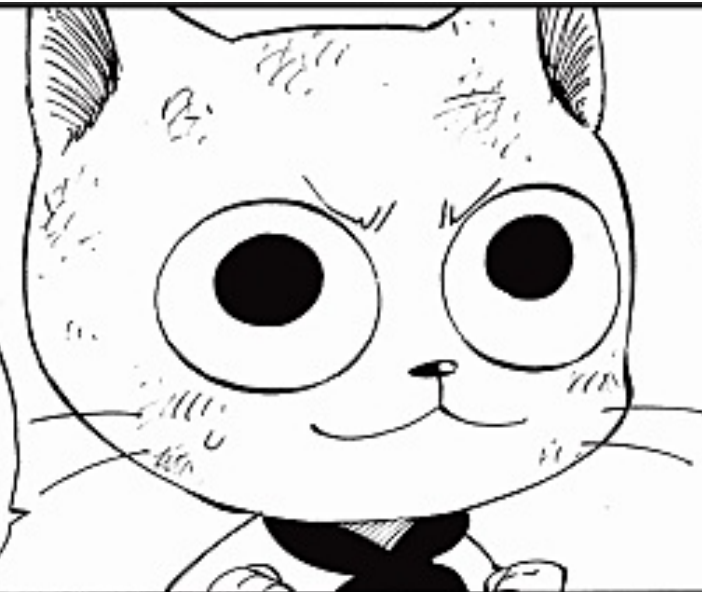
We're down to 9 minutes, 43 seconds, Miss.

Horologium! Time remaining?

PAPOOM

Wendy, please...

If everyone's magic were to suddenly cut out...



Carla's
really
smart!!

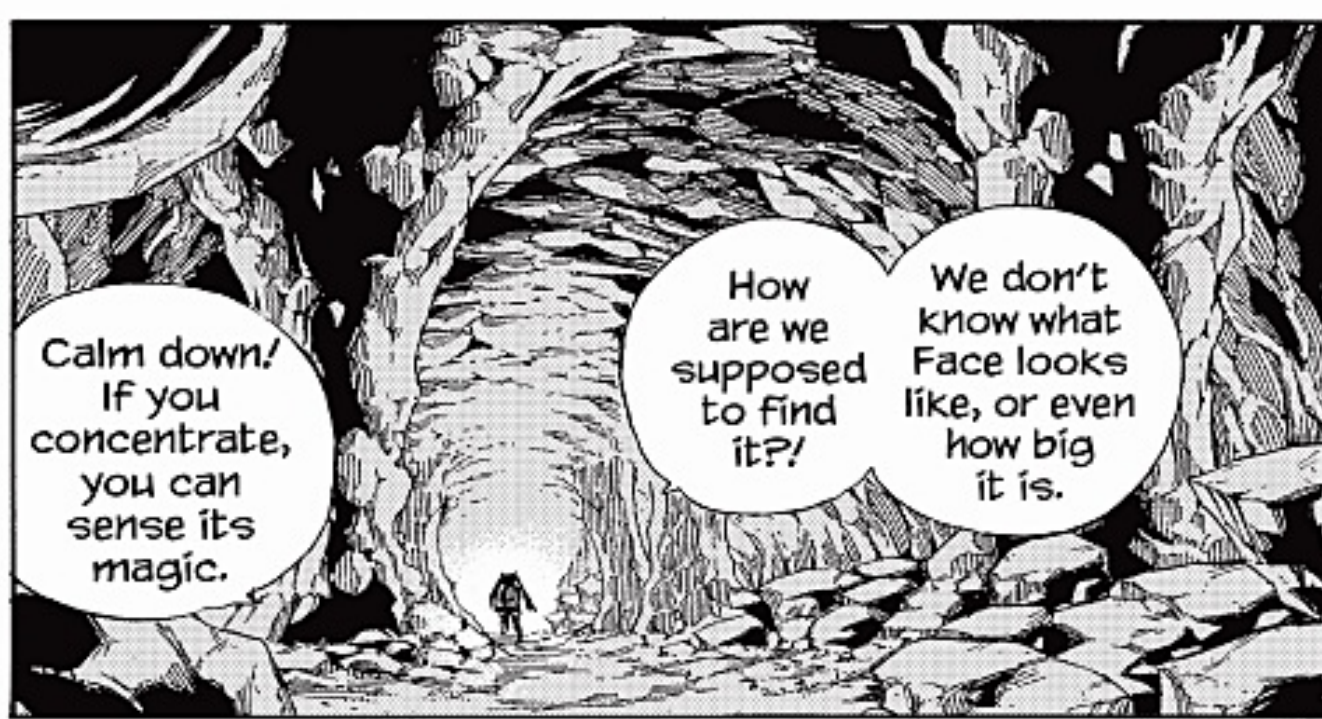
It'll be all right!!
Carla's with her,
so there's nothing
to worry about!!



The
Great
Caverns
of
Cowbane
Canyon...

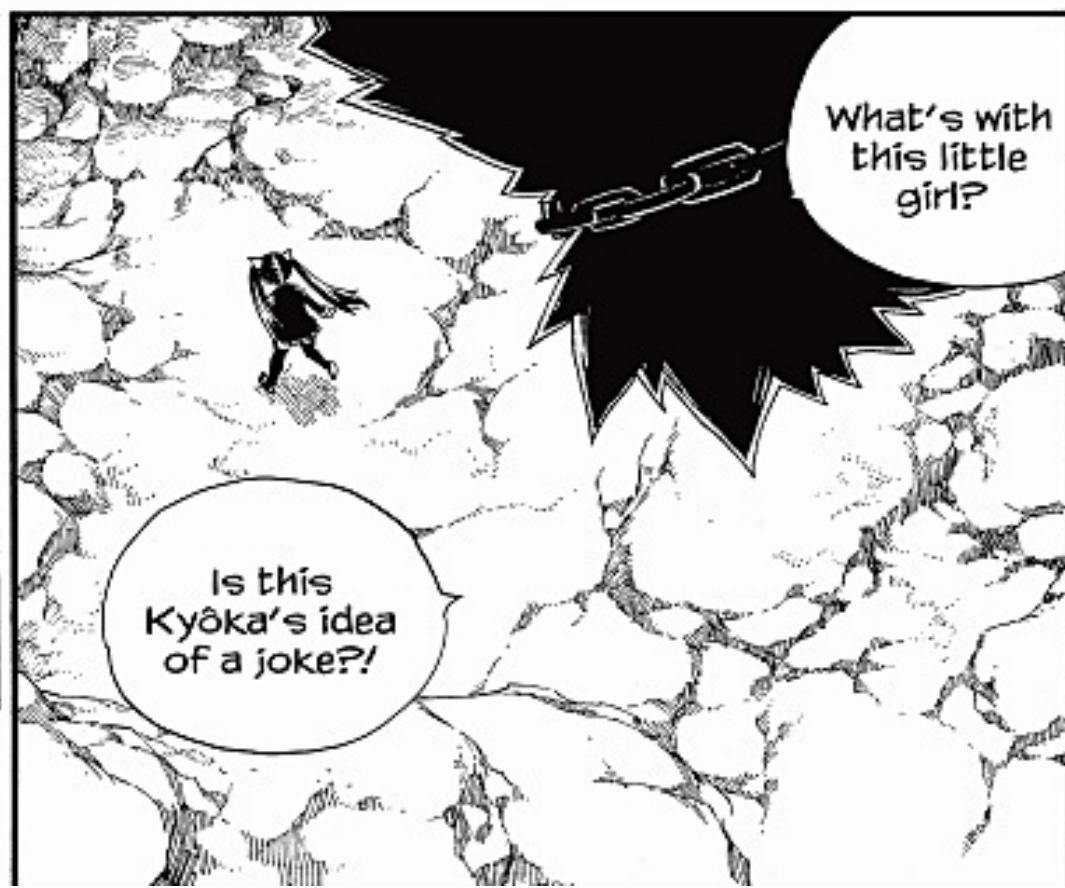


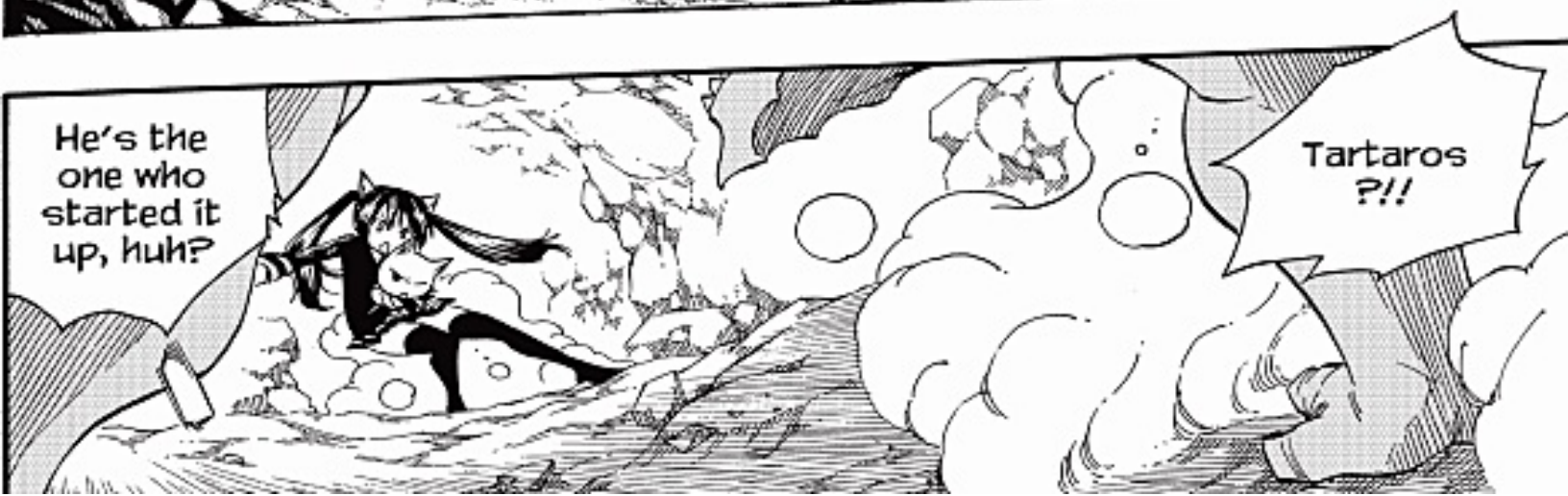
Calm down!
If you
concentrate,
you can
sense its
magic.

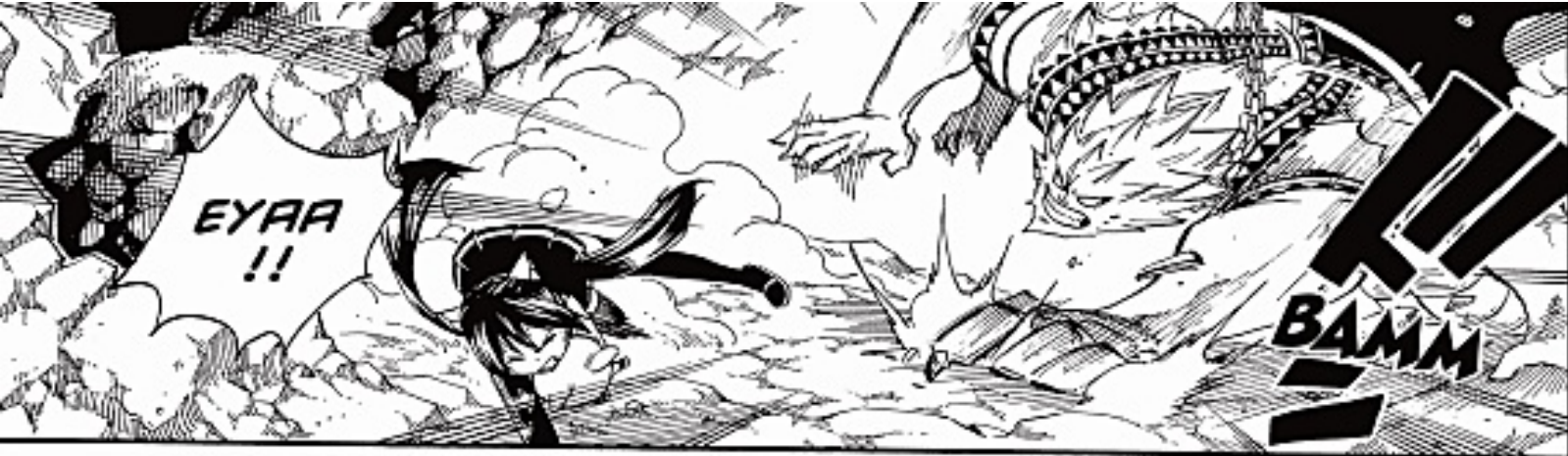


How
are we
supposed
to find
it?!

We don't
know what
Face looks
like, or even
how big
it is.







EYAA!!

BAMM



You'd better
just run!!
You can't
take him on
alone!!

What'll I
do?! I don't
have time to
fight!!



Boost combat
abilities versus
all types!!
DEUS CORONA!!!!

SHIINNG

Boost all
physical
attributes!!
DEUS EQUUS!!!!

SSST



BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

I can't
outrun him!!
I have no
choice!!!

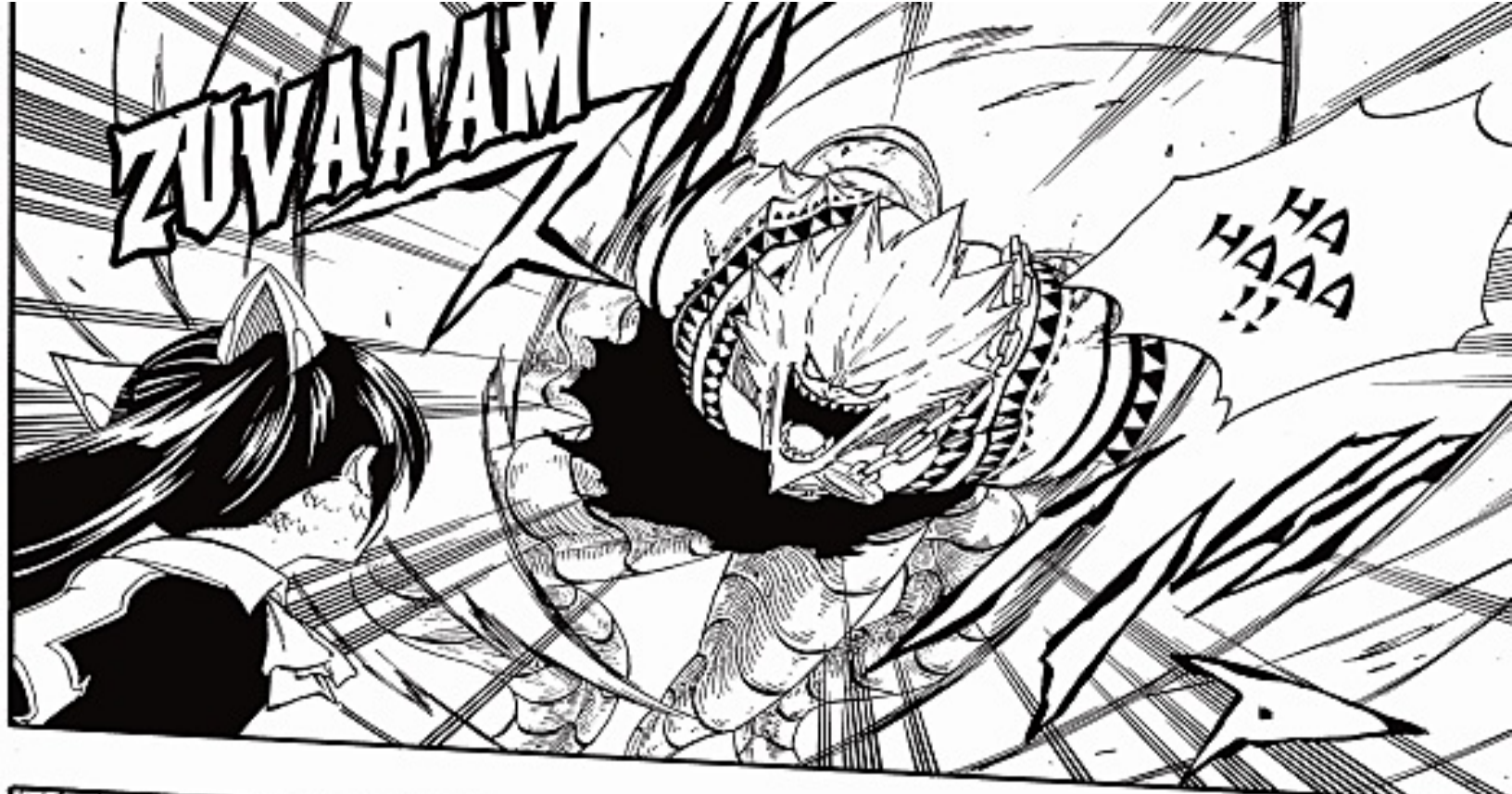
BOOM

Wendy,
no!!

BOOM







*Sky Dragon's Talents





*Five Swords Under Heaven

**A famous Japanese sword.







A character with dark hair and a determined expression is running through a rocky, uneven landscape. They are wearing a dark, form-fitting outfit with a light-colored sash or belt. The background shows more rocks and a hazy horizon.

Why...

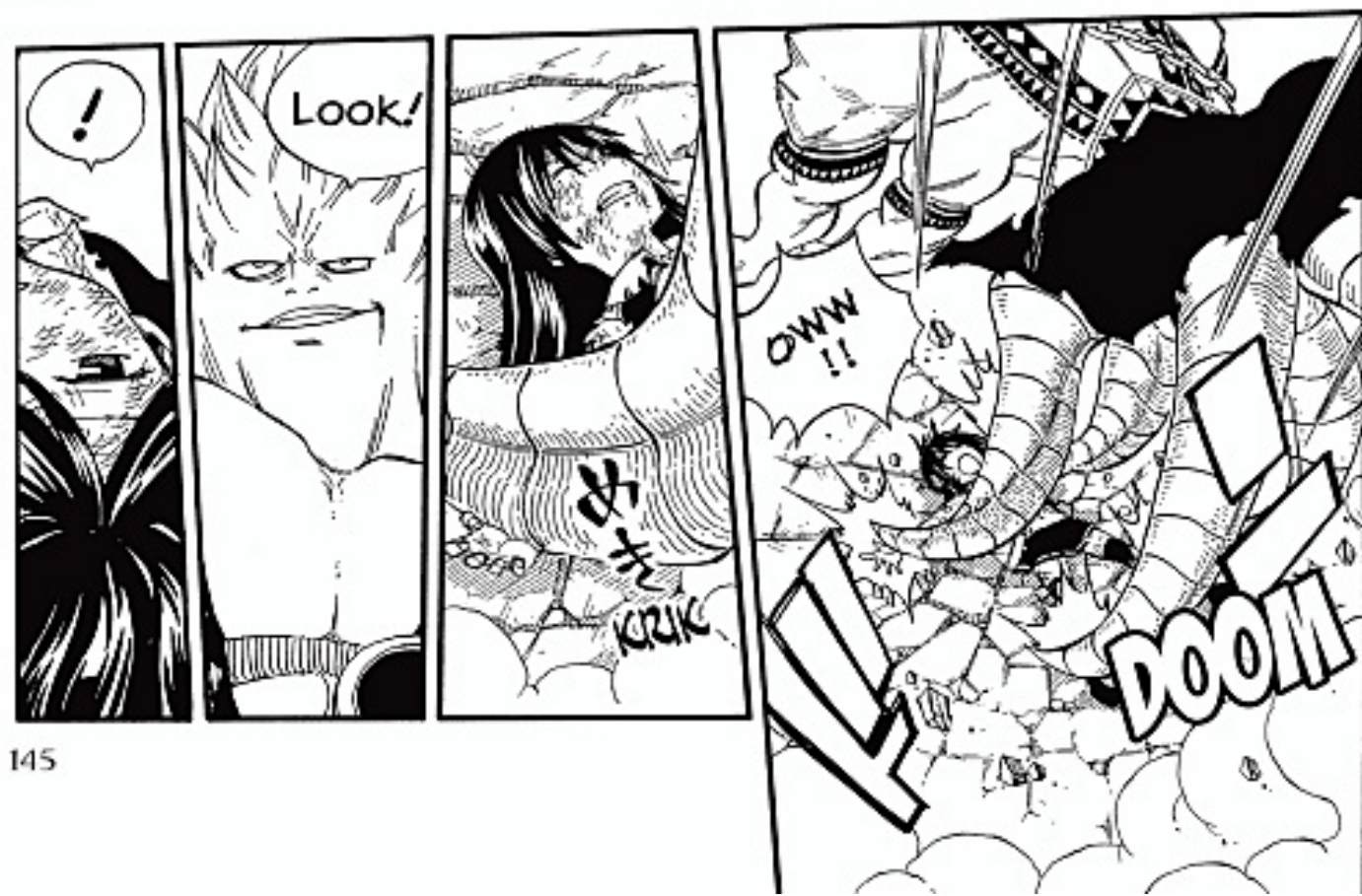
I've enhanced
my defensive
magic several
times over, so
how...

A character is lying face down on the ground, appearing unconscious or dead. Their body is partially obscured by the rocky terrain. The scene is desolate and somber.

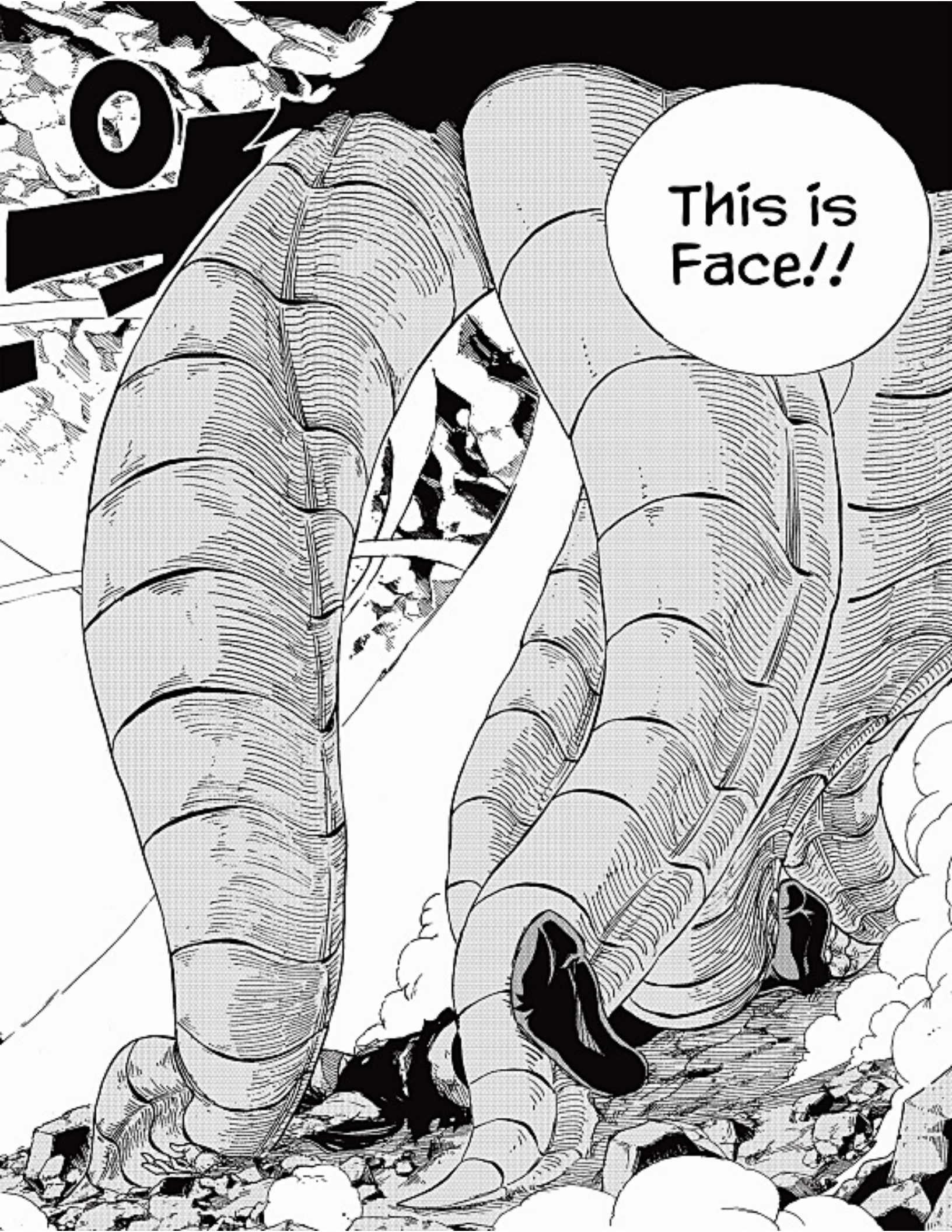
Nnn!!

A large, powerful impact is shown on the ground, creating a massive crater. The ground is cracked and broken into large pieces. The impact is depicted with large, stylized 'X' marks and a bright, glowing area at the center of the crater.

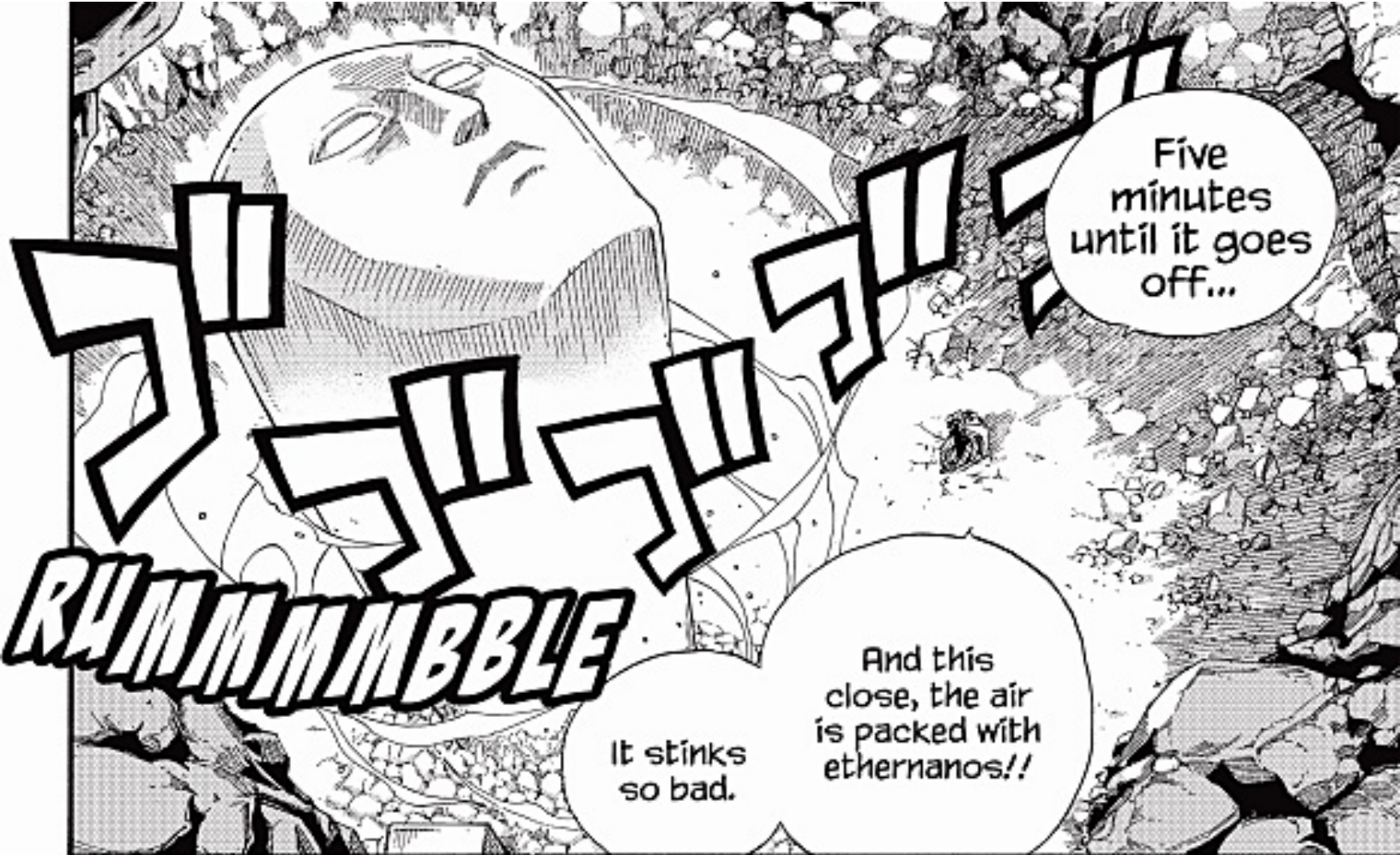
AA
AA
!!
RUMBLE



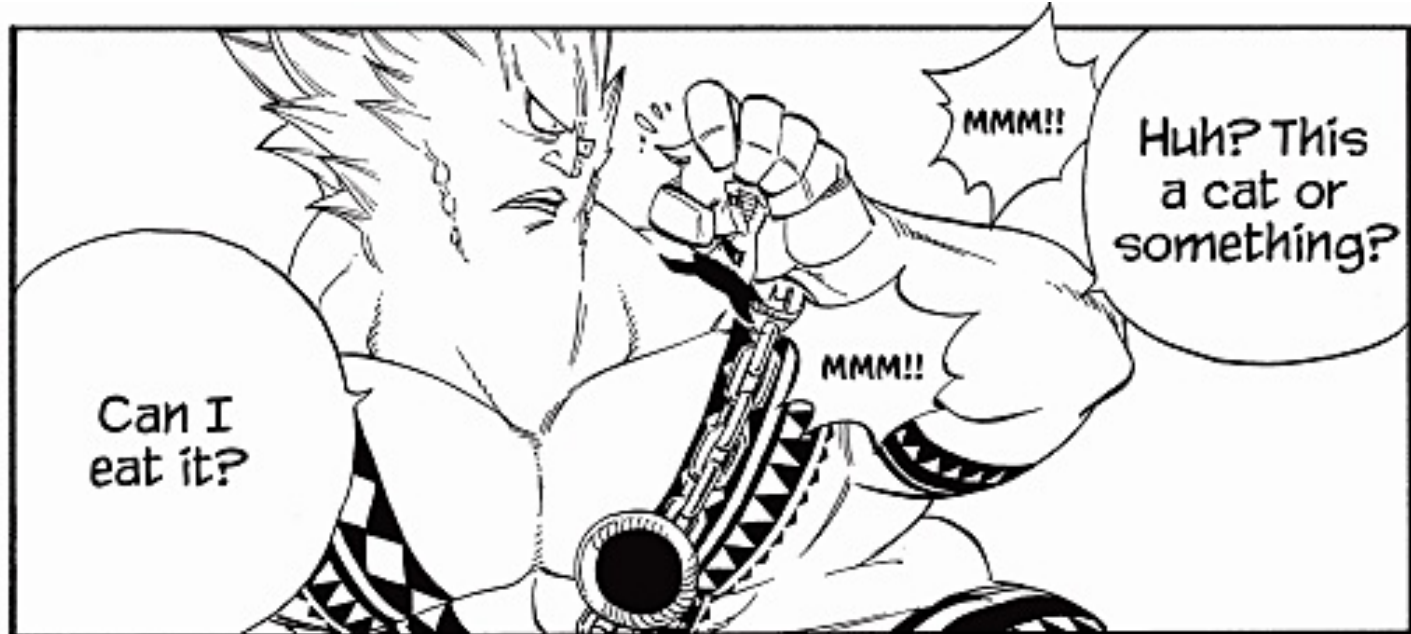




This is
Face!!









Air...

Fresh
air...



Air...

Fresh
air...

A black and white manga-style illustration of a character's face in profile. The character has a large, round, black eye and a speech bubble coming from their mouth that says "Air...". The character is wearing a simple, light-colored garment. The background is plain white.



*...mixed in
with the
air...*

The high density of ethernanos swirling about Face...

Maybe
I could
be like
Natsu...



BA-
BUMP

Maybe
I could
be like
Natsu...



BA-
BUMP

IF I took
in that
mixture...

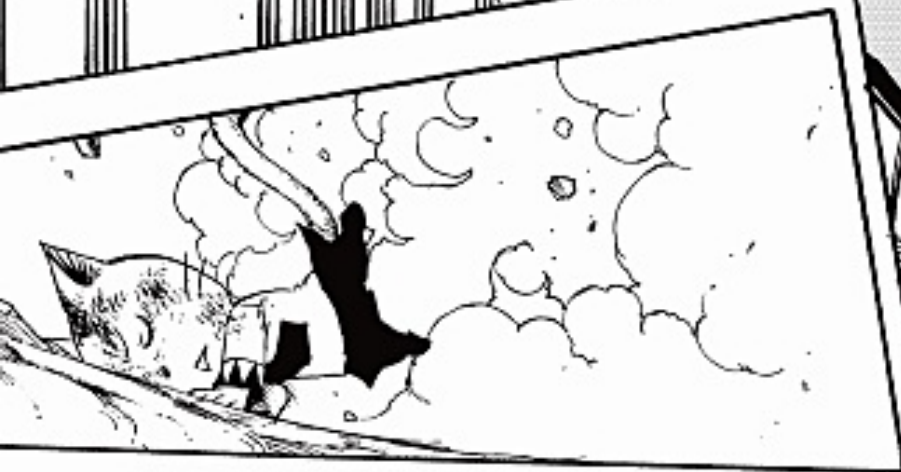
...then
just
maybe...

IF I took
in that
mixture...

...then
just
maybe...



What
...?!!



Wendy was
always weak
and afraid,
but now...









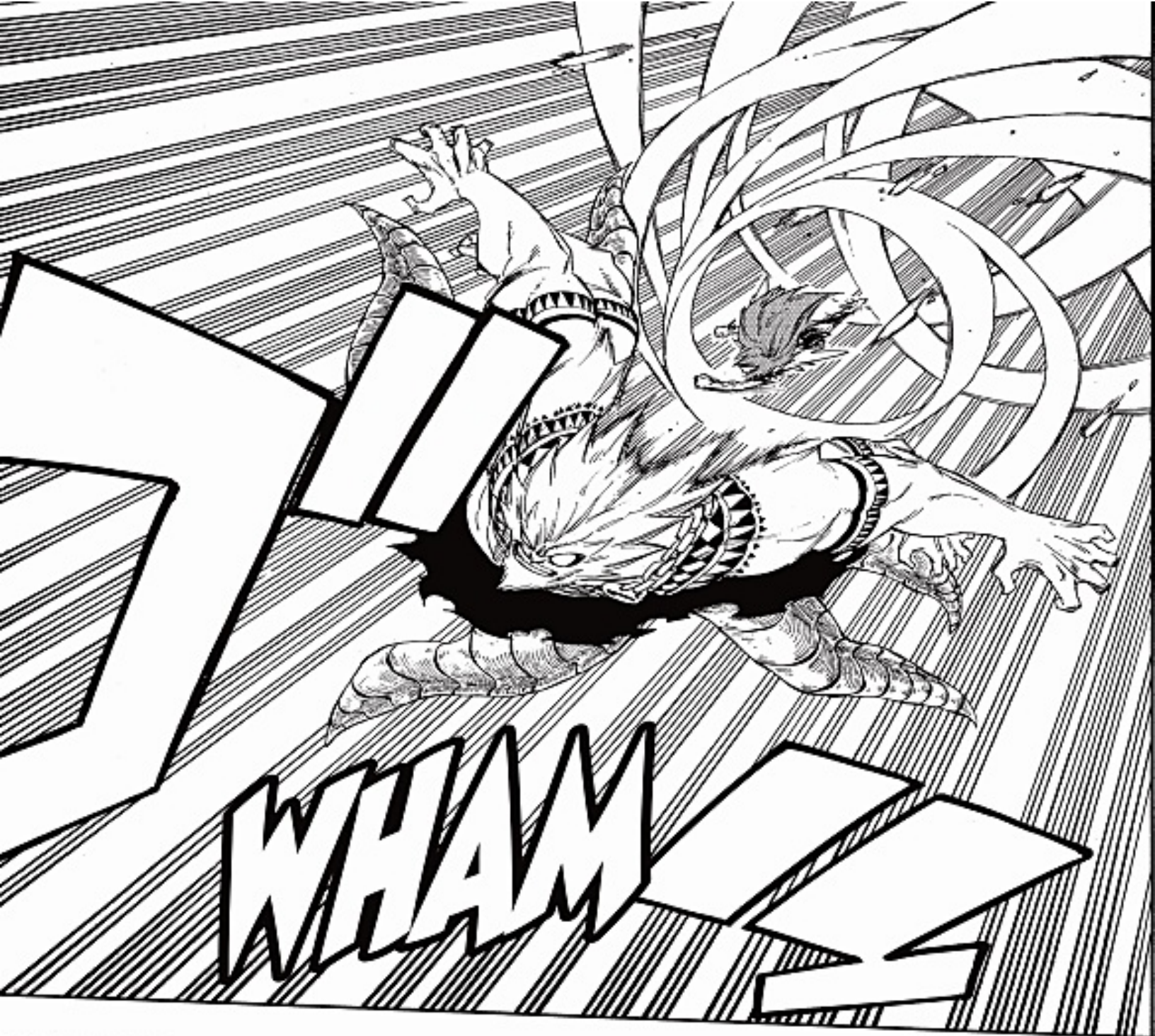
What is
that?!



Chapter 377: The Sky Dragon's Rage













This is good!



Wendy...
We're out
of time...

RUNNING





...can cut
through
anything
and every-
thing!!!!

My
curse
power,
Yatô*...

A word for any sword that has unnatural powers.

Mika-
zuki*
!!!!

ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT

A famous Japanese sword.

Wendy
!!!!

SHA



**SHÔHA:
TEN-
KÔSEN*
!!!!**

KOOON!!!

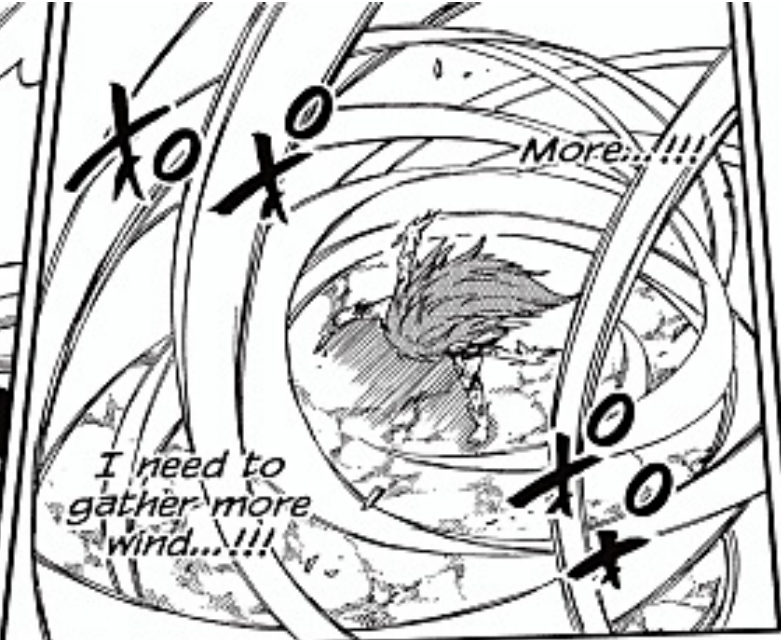








What
?!!



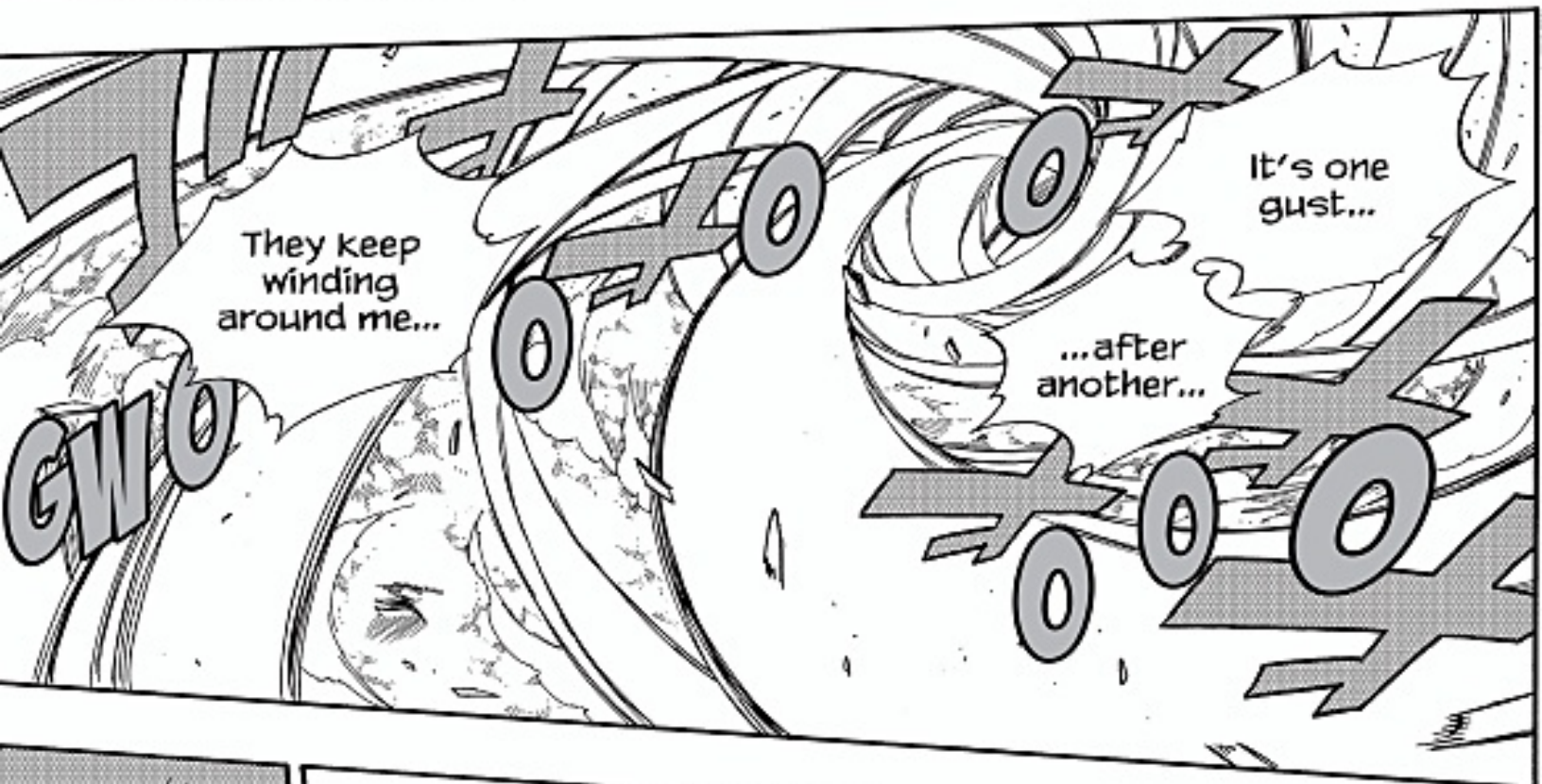
More...!!!

I need to
gather more
wind...!!!



SHATZ

There is
nothing
my Yōtō
can't cut
...



They keep
winding
around me...

It's one
gust...

...after
another...



Grant
it to
me!!!!

OOOHHH!!!



If I could
have just a
little...

...of
Natsu's
sort of
power...













EMERGENCY REQUEST!

EXPLAIN THE..... MYSTERIES OF F.T.

At a gym somewhere...

Lucy: Hey, everybody!! Hi there!!

Mira: Hello!! We only have one page this time, so let's get right to it!

Lucy: Right. First question.

What do Gray's Buns and Juvibuns taste like?



 : They look delicious!

Lucy: Juvia's good at that stuff. She's got a lot of feminine power!

Mira: As for what they taste like, they must be filled with the *taste of love*, right?

 : Yeah, that tells me absolutely nothing.

Mira: Then the taste of life!

Lucy: Let's go to the next question.

In the founding photo for Fairy Tail (?) who is the guy over on the right?



Mira: We've heard a whole lot of guesswork from the readers on this one!

 : He looks sort of familiar.

 : It's Laxus!! Couldn't it be Laxus when he was younger?

 : No, no, no, no... This was taken 105 years ago.

Mira: Okay, the master when he was younger?

Lucy: I don't think the master was even born yet back then.

Mira: Then...

 : You'll find the correct answer to that question in Fairy Tail Zero, a series running currently in Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine!

 : Wow! That was a really subtle advertisement, wasn't it?





Dammit !!



It's a
reaction to
Face!



WHOAH!

What
was
that...?

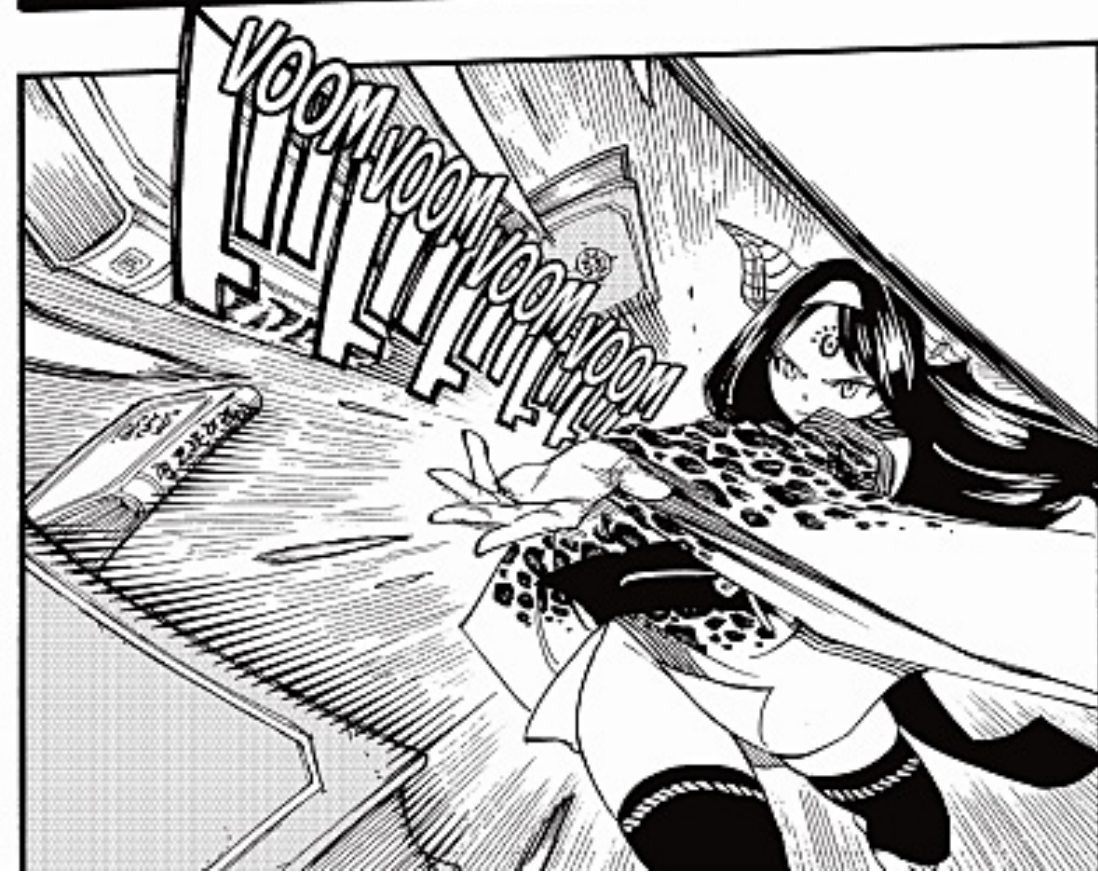


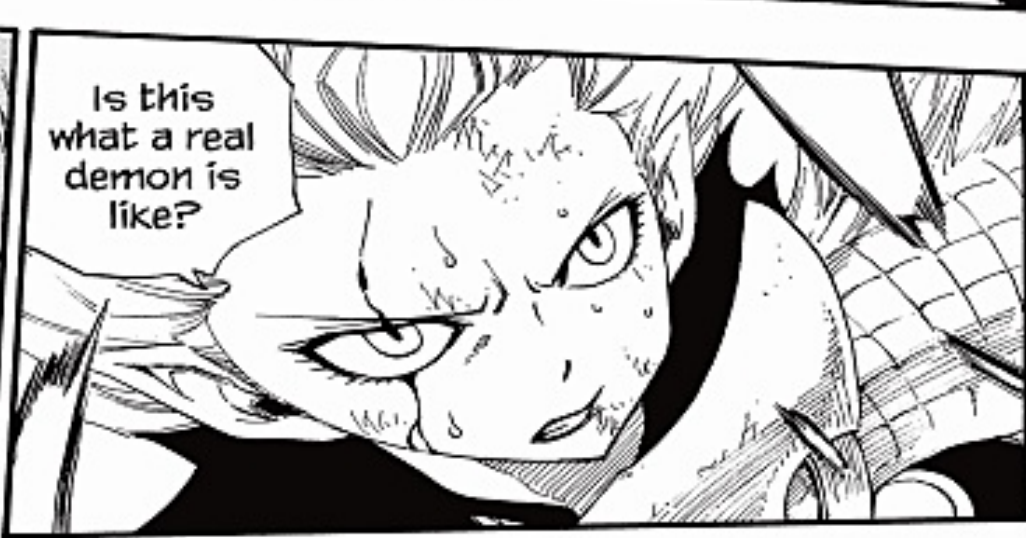
RUMMBLE
ク

...before the
magic vanishes
from the whole
continent!

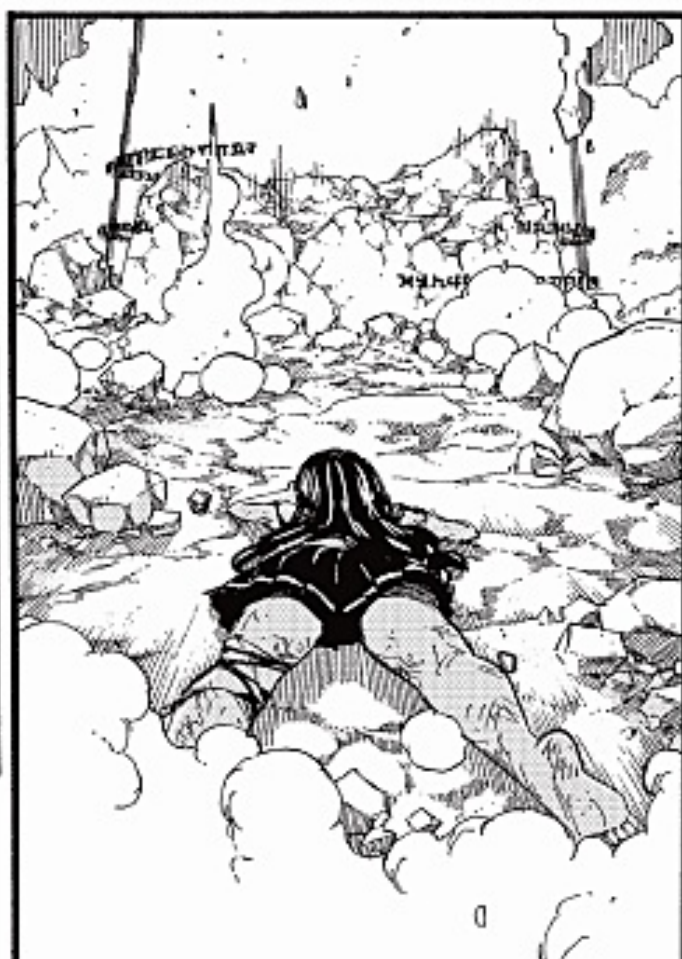
I would say
there are no
more than
three minutes
left...

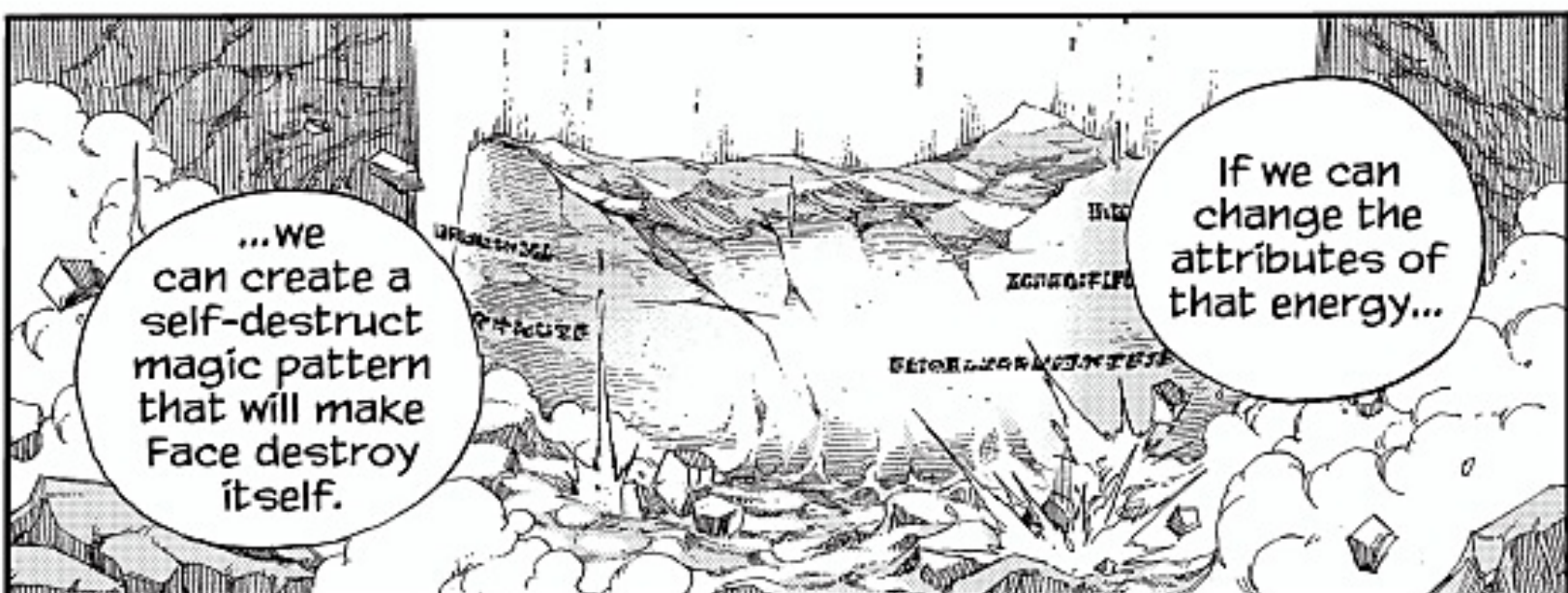
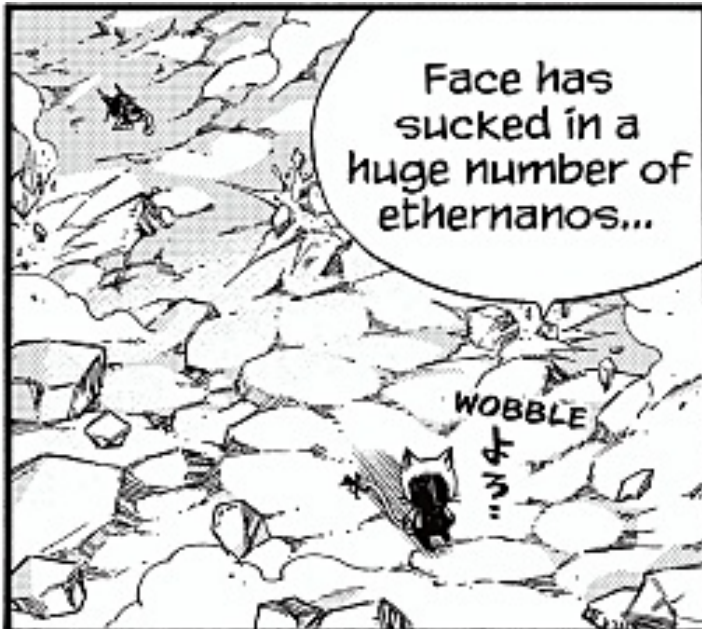


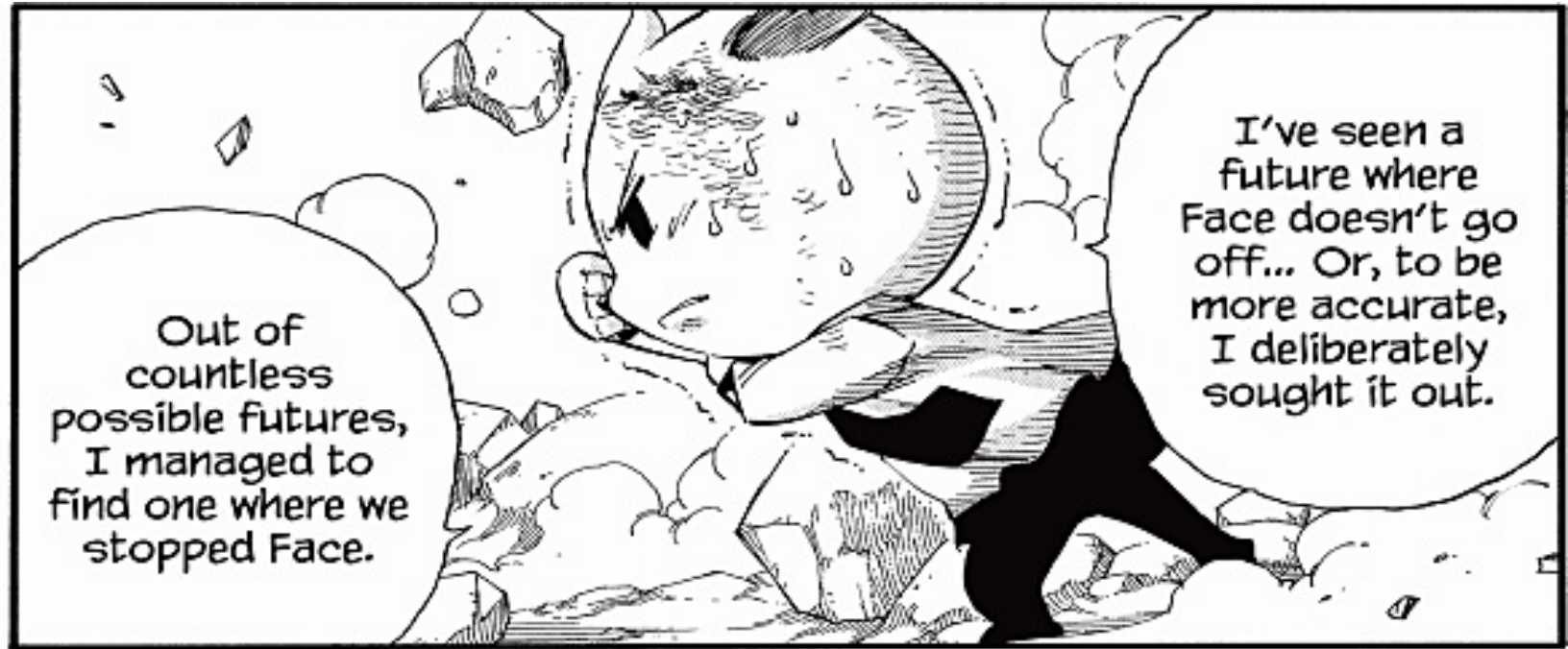






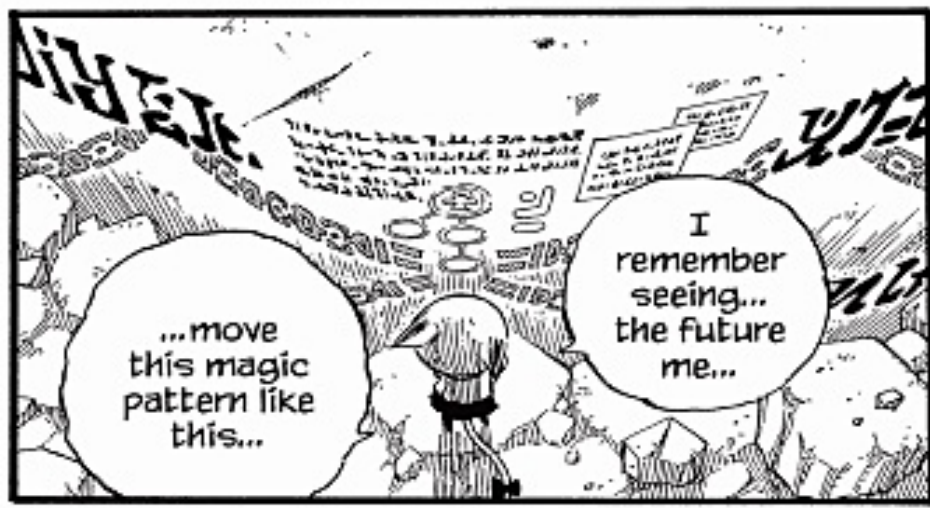






Out of countless possible futures, I managed to find one where we stopped Face.

I've seen a future where Face doesn't go off... Or, to be more accurate, I deliberately sought it out.



...move this magic pattern like this...

I remember seeing... the future me...



That's amazing...



Eh?



And then it ended.

This means we'll...



...then I added these letters...



Carla... you're incredible...



There's...
nothing.

The future
after this
point is a
total blank
...



When I
touch this
letter, Face will
explode.

Then...

Don't
misunderstand
me. This will
destroy Face.



What
does that
mean...?



...nobody
saves us.

What I'm
saying
is...



That's true.

No... Our friends... They're fighting right now... If they... couldn't use magic anymore...

I mean... like in Edolas...

I've...been thinking... We can live without magic, can't we?



What are you talking about, Carla?!! No!!! I won't!!!

So why don't you get as far away as you can?

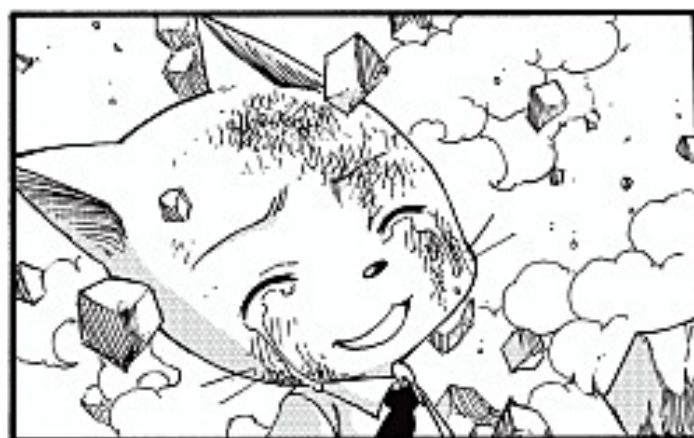
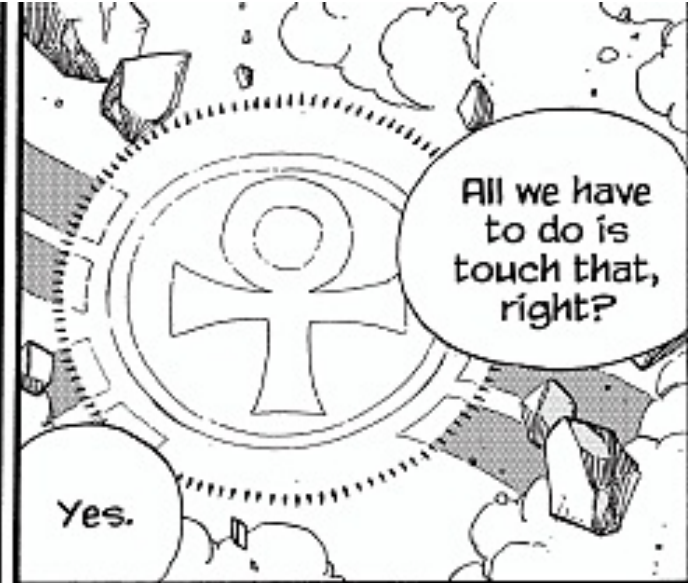
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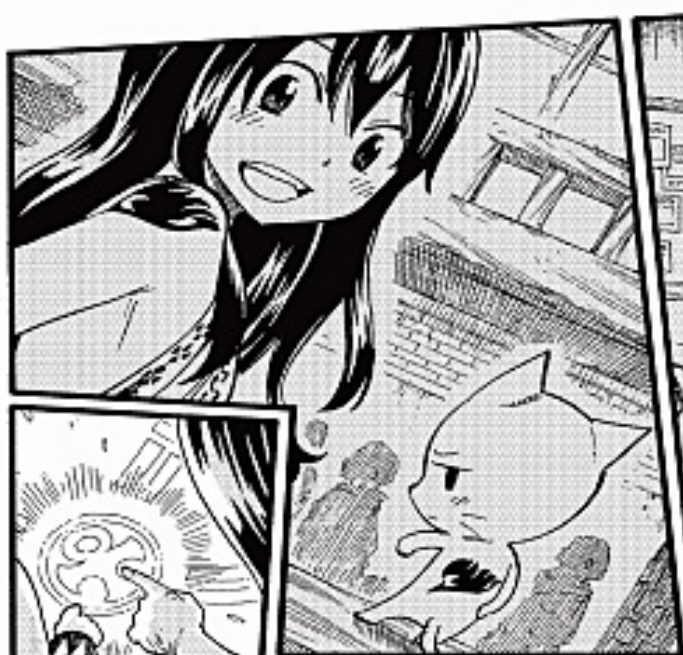
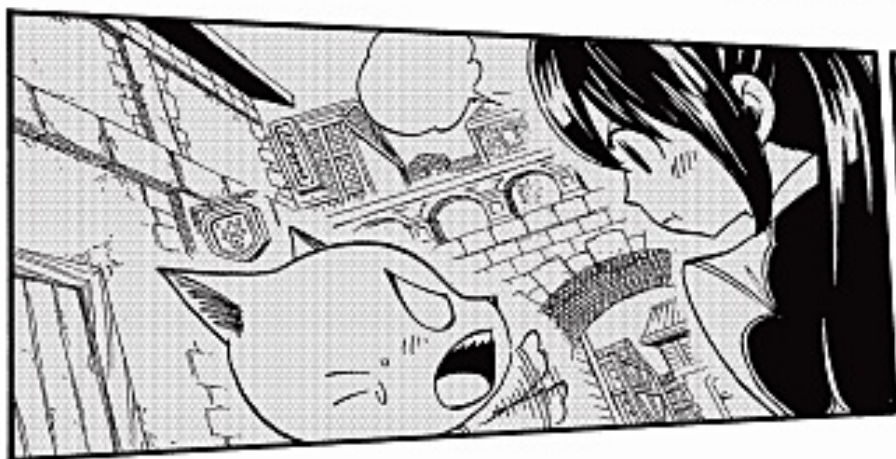
Wendy, I can't predict... or foresee how large the explosion will be...









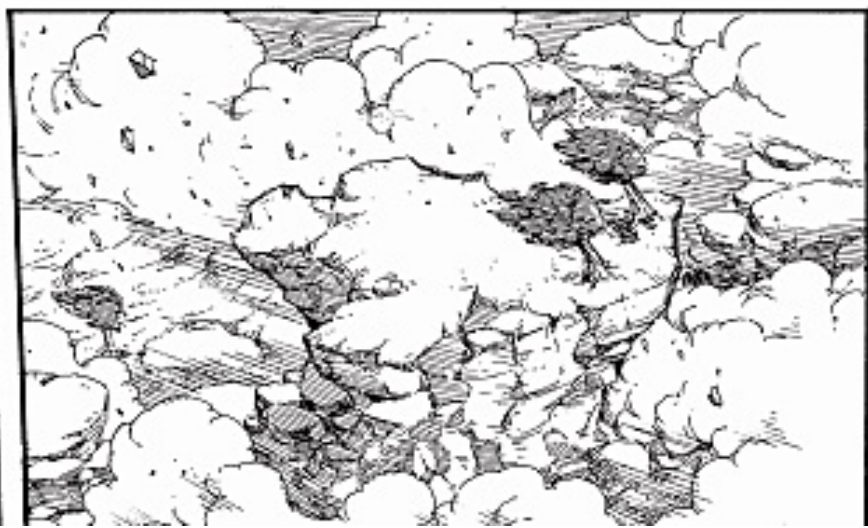
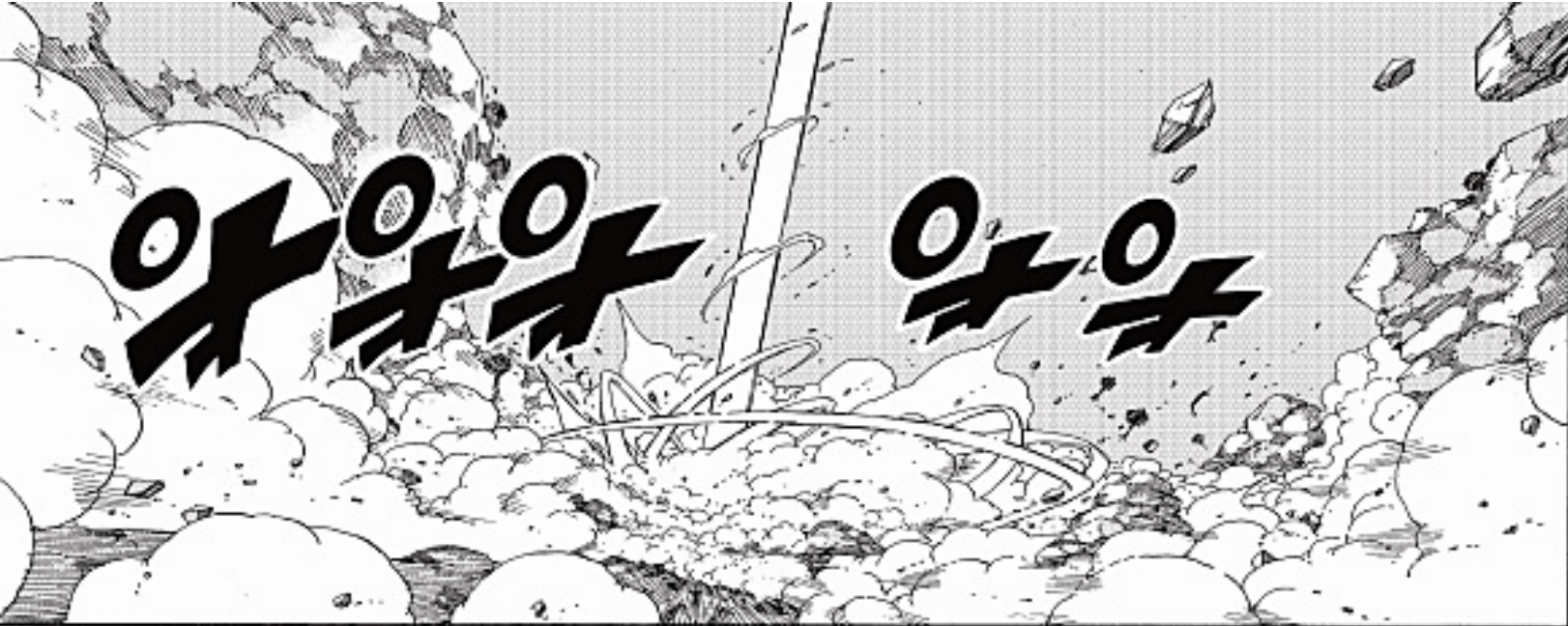












BOOM

I made
it in time
!!!!

That's really
overdoing it!

So small
and so
brave!

I never
thought
they'd
destroy Face
for us.

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Big news!! The first Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine comes out the same day as this volume does in Japan!! Clap, clap, clap!! We call it a magazine, but actually it's a set with a DVD and a fan book, all for 2,759 yen! A new type of product that has never been sold before. The anime DVD includes four episodes of the TV series plus a specially edited bonus feature. The bonus feature has some anime scenes made just for this DVD. That's pretty amazing!!

And the fan book includes a brand-new manga series by me, Hiro Mashima, called Fairy Tail Zero, and it will run every month. As it's planned right now, Mavis is the main character, and it will include the events leading up to the founding of Fairy Tail. There's also a spinoff manga in the magazine featuring Gray. That manga will be a part of a new Fairy Tail world by our great manga hope, Yusuke Shirato!! He's a real worker, so much so that I can recommend him with confidence! You want more? On top of that, the fan book will also include interviews with the voice actors, character rundowns and analyses, and loads of other fun stuff!!

A very large group of people, all with love for Fairy Tail, have gathered to make wonderful DVDs and fan books for this project! So I'd like you all to please take Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine into your hearts!

FAIRY TAIL 44

TARTAROS ARC

COUNCIL IS BLOWN UP →

In a highly-visible
and shocking way!

Council Members All
Destroyed

They're after Memento

PREVIEW

Natsu vs. One of the
Nine Demon Gates

Lahar and Doranbolt are
the only survivors



Hard battle and Lucy helps

They trade
THE SEIS their
freedom for
information

JELLAL

VS

Seis taking up with
the heroes?

Chapter 1

Erza and Mira battle together

They realize this is part of the former chairman's plan

7 or 8
chapters

Fairy Tail Destroyed

They're captured and
sent to Tartaros
Again...?

Elfman betrays them. Cana betrays as well.

Chapter 2 Wendy and Carla battle to their limits to stop Memento,
and they appear to have died in the attempt.

Chapter 3

~~is summoned!!!!~~

Until

GAJEEL VS. TORAFUZAR
ERZA VS. MINERVA
GRAY VS. SILVER

Juvia vs.
Keyes

Point

Very important to Silver... Link?

真島ヒロ

This is the plot from the earliest conception.
Actual names and events have been altered.



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I went to Nagano Prefecture to have a signing as a part of the celebrations for Weekly Shonen Magazine's 55th Anniversary. It was my first visit back to my home area in a long time, and it was for a signing, so it was really a lot of fun for me. I saw some old classmates and a few school friends who graduated in other years too. Next will be Hokkaido. To tell the truth, this will be my first time setting foot on Hokkaido soil!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 94,

Cowbane Canyon

In the Japanese version, the canyon is called Dokuzeri, which is a type of *Cicuta* plant (water hemlock) called northern water hemlock, also known as cowbane in English. It might be called that because it is highly poisonous but may look to a cow like a normal edible plant.

Page 141,

Five Swords

Under Heaven

The *Tenga Goken*, also called the *Gomeiken* ("Five Famous Swords"), are five swords made by famous swordsmiths from the Heian Era, about a thousand years ago, until the Sengoku Era a little over 400 years ago. Most still exist and are considered national treasures. The five blades include Dōjigiri, Onimaru, Mikazuki Munechika, Ōtenta, and Juzumaru.



Page 141, Onimaru

One of the Five Swords Under Heaven, made by the sword master Kunitsuna. Legend has it that it belonged to Tokiyori Hojo, the fifth *shikken* (regent) of the Kamakura Shogunate. When a mysterious illness befell Tokiyori, the sword could tell that an evil spirit was conspiring with Tokiyori's *oni*-shaped hibachi stove. It leapt from its scabbard and struck down the hibachi, saving Tokiyori from his illness and earning itself the name Onimaru.



Page 143, Juzumaru

One of the Five Swords Under Heaven, made by the master swordsmith Tsunetsugu of the Bichu school of sword making (named for a region now mostly in Okayama Prefecture). Although it doesn't have quite as imaginative a name as Onimaru, Juzumaru is named after the Buddhist holy man Nichiren, founder of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism, who made his name by predicting the Mongol invasion and the "divine wind" that would wipe out most of the invading force. According to legend, Nichiren wore the Juzumaru sword and wrapped his rosary-like prayer beads (*juzu*) around it.

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